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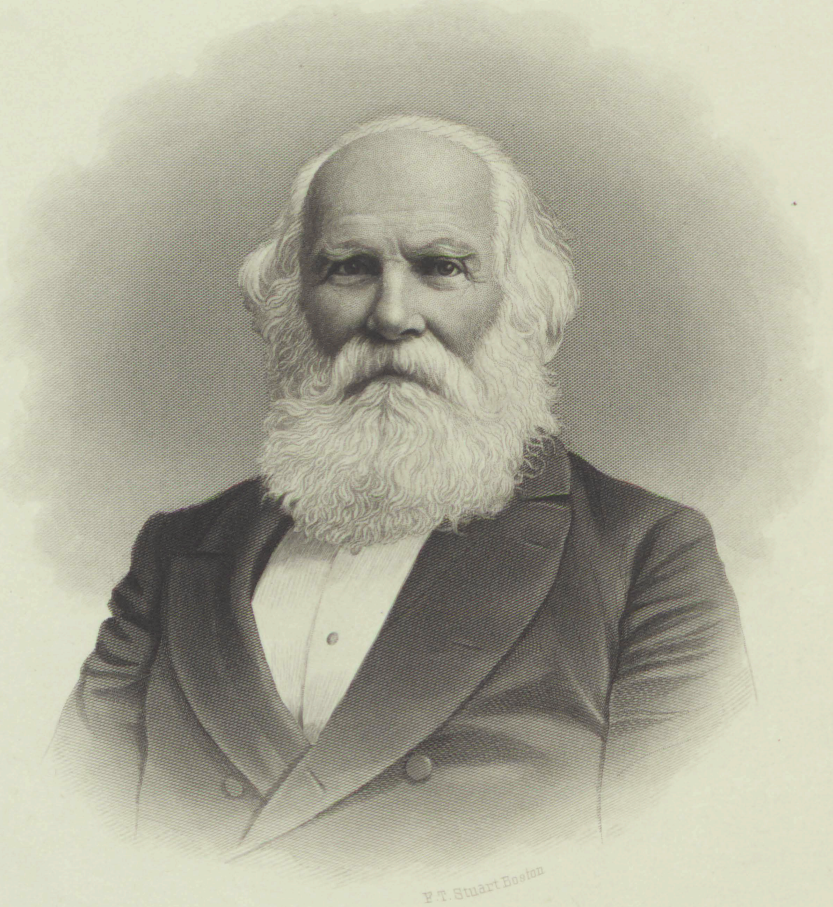
PREFACE.

HAVING wrought as we were able with the material kindly furnished us, we take pleasure in offering to our subscribers this volume of up-to-date Rockingham County biographies, feeling that, howsoever it may fall short of ideal perfection, or the superior excellence striven after, it meets in a way a real need, gratifies a taste of the times, and occupies a place hitherto unfilled. It has happily come to be recognized as the duty of every generation, not only to live its own life, but to write its own records for the benefit of posterity. History sets forth the principal events marking the progress of civilization, deals with the nations and a few great leaders; genealogy offers a study of dry names and dates; biography, acknowledging its indebtedness to both, has its own special province, concerns itself with the individual, is history intimately written, shows personal character and action on the stage of existence. The average newspaper of to-day gives undue prominence to the evil done by men of ill-will or misguided passion. To the writer of select biographies falls the pleasant task of setting down what is best deserving of remembrance and emulation in the virtuous lives, earnest and efficient, of workers in various fields of useful activity. The lineage of some whose fortunes are traced in these pages extends back to the early settlers of "Strawberry Bank," of Hampton, of "the Chestnut Country," of "Old Nutfield," or of other historic localities; and most, if not all the worthies here commemorated are of native birth, and come of stock well rooted in the soil.

Coming generations will do well to honor the memory and emulate the virtues of ancestors, near and remote, who, to borrow the eloquent language of another, "by their industrious toil and faithful citizenship have kept sweet the heart of New England civilization."

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON LADD, of Portsmouth, N.H., a representative citizen in a community noted for wealth, literary culture, and refinement, numbers among his ancestral connections some of the oldest families in the State. He was born in this ancient town by the sea on July 27, 1815, son of Alexander and Maria Tufton (Haven) Ladd, the former a native of Exeter, N.H.

Mr. Alexander H. Ladd, whose portrait appears as the frontispiece in this volume, is of the eighth generation in descent from Lieutenant Daniel Ladd, a native of England, who came to America in the "Mary and John" in 1633, was in Ipswich, Mass., in 1637, and in 1640 was one of the twelve persons by whom the first settlement was made at Pentucket, now Haverhill, Mass. He was early chosen one of the Selectmen of the new town; and in 1658 he and a Mr. Shatswell built the first saw-mill on the Spicket River. Daniel Ladd was the father of Nathaniel and grandfather of Nathaniel Ladd, Jr., who was the father of Joseph Ladd. The immediate progenitor of the family in Portsmouth was Joseph's son, Colonel Eliphalet Ladd, who removed to this city in 1792. He married in Exeter, in 1772, Miss Abigail Hill, by whom he had ten children, eight living to maturity, among them being two sons — William and Alexander.

Colonel Eliphalet Ladd was an enterprising merchant and ship-owner in the palmy days of Portsmouth as a commercial centre. He was a person of great decision of character, a liberal-minded, progressive, public-spirited citizen, one of the builders of Portsmouth. In 1797, nearly one hundred years ago, he and two or three others formed the Aqueduct Company, and, purchasing the Oak Hill Springs, furnished the city with an unfailing supply of pure water. Colonel Ladd's eldest son, William Ladd, who was born in Exeter in 1776, was graduated at Harvard College, and died in Portsmouth in 1841, was widely known as the "apostle of peace," being one of the founders of the American Peace Society, of which he was President for a number of years.

Another son of Eliphalet Ladd, Alexander, named above as the father of Alexander Hamilton Ladd, born in Exeter, was, like his father, a successful merchant of Portsmouth. He married Maria Tufton Haven, daughter of the Hon. Nathaniel Appleton Haven, of this city. She was a descendant of Captain John Mason, who received from the Plymouth Company in England successive grants of land, embracing the greater part of New Hampshire, the title to which is said to have been confirmed by King Charles I.

Alexander Hamilton Ladd fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N.H., one of the most noted preparatory schools in New England, and, entering Dartmouth, continued his studies there for one year only. Preferring a life of business activity to scholarly seclusion or professional routine, as soon as he attained his majority he embarked in the enterprise of refining sperm oil, which proved a profitable undertaking. A few years later he turned his attention to the manufacture of cotton yarns, he, with others, erecting a large steam-mill for the purpose. After that he was for a number of years engaged in buying cotton in Southern Texas, still, however, making his home in Portsmouth. His time is now devoted to the care of his private inter-

ests and the indulgence of his taste for literature, art, and antiquities.

Mr. Ladd was married in Portsmouth to Miss Elizabeth Wyer Jones, a native of Portsmouth, daughter of William and Ann (Parry) Jones. They have four children, namely: Annie, now Mrs. J. Langdon Ward; William J., clerk of the Board of Directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Elizabeth, wife of Charles E. Wentworth; Maria Tufton, wife of Manning Emery. Besides these, Mr. Ladd has eighteen grand-children living.

Mr. Ladd owns and occupies the house erected by his great-great-grandfather, John Moffatt, more than one hundred years ago, a spacious Colonial mansion, the first three-story dwelling-house built in the State. Among the distinguished guests who have been entertained within its walls may be named Presidents Washington, Adams, and Pierce. The mantel-piece in the library was formerly in a house belonging to Mr. Ladd's far-off ancestor in England, and was brought over when this house was built. The extensive grounds, beautified by application of the principles of landscape gardening, and the artistic furniture, the numerous paintings, including portraits in oil representing seven generations, the library of choice and rare volumes — luxuries of literature — and the many other curios and antiques betoken the ample means and elegant tastes of the owner, who is a connoisseur of art and a gentleman of the old school, courteous and kindly.

In church affiliation Mr. Ladd is a Unitarian, holding that "practical religion is summed up in love to God and love to man"; and in politics, formerly a Whig, he has been a Republican ever since the formation of the party.

JOHN M. FREEZE, of Deerfield, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature and for many years a prominent figure in local affairs, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, September 3, 1821, son of Jacob and Eunice (James) Freeze. The family is of English origin. Its ancestors were early settlers in Rockingham County, and representatives of it from time to time have served the public in various positions of responsibility and trust. Andrew Freeze, the grandfather of John M., was born in Epping, this county, October 1, 1747. When a young man he settled in Deerfield, where for many years he was engaged in both farming and milling. He took a prominent part in developing the town; and he was actively identified with its business interests until his death, which occurred October 19, 1814, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as a Selectman and in other town offices. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist. He married Shuah Thurston, and had six children; namely, Sarah (first), Sarah (second), Ann, Jacob, Gordon, and Dudley, none of whom are living.

Jacob Freeze, a native of Deerfield, was born October 29, 1778. In young manhood he adopted his father's occupation of farming and milling. He operated the mills here for many years, doing a large and profitable business. The community, whose entire confidence he had, intrusted him with the transaction of all their legal business during his long and useful period of activity. In politics he was a vigorous advocate of Democratic principles. A leader in public affairs, he served as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years, was a State Senator for one term, and a member of the House of Representatives for several terms. He was a Congregationalist in his religious views, and continued an active member of that church until his death, which occurred August 14, 1843, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, who was before marriage Eunice James, became the mother of eight children, three of whom are living, namely: Jackson, a resident of Pittsfield, N.H.; Clarissa A., who is residing with her brother in Deerfield; and John M., the subject of this sketch. It is a fact well worthy of mention that four of the sons of Jacob Freeze — Andrew, Benjamin, Jackson, and John M. — were elected to the House of Representatives for one or more terms; while Andrew Freeze, who was born August 17, 1804, served as Clerk of both the House and Senate for a number of years.

John M. Freeze received his education in the common schools of Deerfield and at Pembroke Academy. After completing his studies he engaged in operating a saw and grist mill here, which he successfully continued for several years. He finally relinquished that business for the purpose of devoting his entire attention to the cultivation of the homestead farm, where he has always resided. The property contains two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, the tillage portion of which is exceedingly productive. He has been extensively engaged in general farming and stock raising. At the present time he keeps about six head of stock, and employs one assistant. Like other members of the family, he has filled a prominent place in public affairs. He was elected Selectman by the Democratic party for some years, was Town Agent when the present school-houses were built; and he represented this district in the legislature during the years 1862 and 1863. Mr. Freeze is a Master Mason in Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, of Candia. He attends the Congregational church.

EZRA BARKER, of Stratham, the span of whose useful existence lacks but a few years of a century, was born on the farm he occupies and owns, May 22, 1803, son of Levi and Mary (Wiggin) Barker. His grandfather, Ezra, likewise a native of Stratham, who was born in 1722, spent his life on the farm, and, with his wife, there reared his children. In religious belief Grandfather Barker was a Baptist. He lived to a green old age, leaving to his children, with his worldly possessions, the more precious inheritance of an unblemished name.

Levi Barker, who was born on the old farm in 1768, also followed the occupation of farmer, was very successful, and became an influential man in the community. He also professed the Baptist faith, was successively a Whig and a Republican, and served the town as Selectman and as Representative in the State legislature. He married Mary Wiggin, and became the father of eight children, three sons and five daughters, all of whom attained maturity. They were: Mark, George, Mary, Nancy, Elizabeth, Ezra, Martha J., and Abbie. All but Ezra are now deceased.

Ezra Barker, the sixth-born of his parents' children, received his early education in the schools of Stratham. Subsequently he took a supplementary course at Greenland Academy, after which he returned to the old homestead, and engaged in farming, which has been his principal occupation since. He inherited the farm from his father. It contains one hundred and ninety acres, and it is managed in a manner that brings a good income. He has also established a fine nursery business in Stratham, and has been a most successful fruit grower.

During the earlier period of his life Mr. Barker was noted for his business plans. Though he is the oldest resident of his town, he is still full of interest in general affairs. He has rarely during his past life missed one of the town meetings; and now, in his declining years, he still attends them, putting laggards to the blush and setting a worthy example to all. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, while his religious belief is broad and liberal. Although Mr. Barker has never married, and has none of the usual domestic ties that bind a man to the social conventionalities, he has a host of affectionate friends about him who look up to him with reverential respect. Old and young of Stratham both love and reverence in him its faithful citizen and oldest inhabitant.

JOSHUA P. DRAKE, of North Hampton, who represents one of the old New Hampshire families, was born on the family homestead in this town, January 22, 1823. His parents were Samuel and Mehitable (Pickering) Drake, the mother a member of the old and distinguished Pickering family of Newington, N.H. The homestead was first occupied by two brothers named Drake, who redeemed it from the primeval wilderness. Abram Drake, great-grandfather of Joshua P., and Nathaniel, the grandfather, were born there. Nathaniel Drake, a very wealthy farmer and a man of intellect and decision, was often called upon to settle dis-

putes regarding estates in the locality. At the time of the Revolutionary War he contributed a yoke of oxen to the patriot cause, and took an active part in the hostilities, bearing the rank of Colonel, and shared in the fights at Ticonderoga. Colonel Drake lived to attain the great age of ninety-nine years. He married Elizabeth Jenness, a native of Rye, N.H. Samuel Drake spent his life in his native town, attending the district school in boyhood, and devoting his mature years to the pursuit of agriculture on the homestead. He died when comparatively young, leaving a family of eight children, namely; Fabyan, Samuel J., Joshua P., Abbie, Olive, Emily A., Mary E., and Freeman.

Joshua P. Drake was educated in the schools of his native town and at Andover (Mass.) Academy. When a young man he thought of engaging in some other business than farming, and attempted to sell the homestead; but circumstances over which he had no control changed his purpose, and he has followed in the footsteps of his forefathers up to the present time. His home, which is now on the line of the Eastern Railroad, has been a point of interest to the travelling public for many years. In the old days of stage-coaches and informal good fellowship the stages that plied between Portsmouth and Boston used to stop here and change horses. The railroad was opened in 1840, taking a mile of the Drake farm, so that travellers still pass the old place, though the iron horse makes no stop for the interchange of civilities. The proprietor erected a fine set of buildings in 1889.

Mr. Drake was married in 1851 to Sarah D., daughter of Simon and Julia (Chapman) Leavitt, of Northampton. Of their eight children four are living, namely: Justin E., born in 1855; Elmer, in 1861; Annie F., in 1862; and Hetty P., in 1868. Justin, who assists his father on the farm, was married in January, 1894, to Ethiel Tobey, daughter of Hiram and Esther (Sayward) Tobey, members of two of the oldest families of Kittery, Me. Justin Drake and his wife have one daughter, Esther. He is a Republican and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Hampton. Mr. Drake cast his first vote for the Whig candidate, Henry Clay, in 1844. He held a high office in the Know Nothing party, and has been a member of the Republican party since its formation.

ROBERT ROWE'S SONS, manufacturers in Brentwood of wheels, bodies, seats, gears, and other carriage belongings, are potent factors in the industrial interests of this town. The family is widely known and esteemed throughout the county. Robert Rowe, the father, was born on the homestead in this town now owned by his sons. His parents were Jonathan and Annie (Robinson) Rowe, who here reared their family of three children. Robert, with a natural bent for mechanical work, learned the carpenter's trade when a young man. After following that trade in Lynn, Mass., for a number of years, he returned to Brentwood, settling in Crawley's Falls, and here resided until his death, June 20, 1882, at the age of seventy-two years. Some time before his death he established a mill, and laid the foundation for the present extensive business of his sons. His wife, a native of Brentwood, whose maiden name was Sallie T. Sinclair, passed away February 7, 1885, aged seventy-one years. They reared five children — Ellen, Jonathan S., James H., Joseph R., and George R. Ellen, now deceased, married Andrew Brown, who resides in Fremont township. Jonathan S., who served as a volunteer in the late Civil War, was killed December 13, 1862, at the battle of Fredericksburg. James H., Joseph R., and George R. constitute the firm of Robert Rowe's Sons.

James H. Rowe, the eldest member of the firm, is now Postmaster of Brentwood. He was born September 1, 1843, in Crawley's Falls, and was there reared to manhood. He married Miss Emma P. Little, a native of Epping, this county, and has a son and a daughter. These are: Annie, the wife of W. C. Hoyt, of Bradford, Mass.; and John M. Rowe, who belongs to the fraternity of Knights Templars. In politics James H. Rowe is a stanch and loyal Democrat.

Joseph R. Rowe was born January 1, 1846, in Brentwood, where he has so far spent his life, and of which he is now one of the fore-

most residents. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in local affairs. He has served acceptably in various town offices. In 1885 he represented Brentwood in the State legislature. On September 6, 1871, he married Miss Sarah Abbie Robinson, a descendant of a well-known family of this place; and they have one child, Lillian S.

The Hon. George R. Rowe is the youngest of his parents' children. He was born February 22, 1849, and was married July 3, 1870, to Miss Betsey J. Gordon, a native of Brentwood. Two children have been born to him and his wife, namely: G. Russell, who married Gertrude Faulkner, and now lives in Brentwood; and Robert G., now a student of Dartmouth College. In politics the father supports Republican principles, both by speech and vote. He represented his town in the State legislature in 1889, and served as State Senator in 1891 and 1892.

The three brothers are members of the Masonic Order, having affiliation with the Blue Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, N.H. Joseph R. and George R. are members of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portsmouth, and of the Aleppo Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Boston, Mass., where they frequently attend banquets.

After the death of their father these three sons took charge of the business left by him, and have since prosperously conducted it. They execute orders for carriage woodwork of all kinds with promptitude and thoroughness. They also manage the homestead farm, which contains one hundred acres of land, largely in a good state of cultivation and conveniently located about six miles from the city of Exeter.

JOHN O. EDGERLY, of Epping, a well-known farmer and ex-Representative to the State legislature, was born in Lee, Strafford County, N.H., September 5, 1835. His parents were Orin and Betsey (Shaw) Edgerly. His father, Orin Edgerly, who was a native of this county, spent his early years in Epping, subsequently removing to Strafford, where for some years he was engaged in farming. He finally returned to Epping, and died there, October 3, 1885, having almost attained the age of ninety years. His life was spent in faithful attention to the duties near at hand. His wife, who was a native of Brentwood, N.H., closed her earthly career on November 20, 1861.

John O. Edgerly, after acquiring the elements of knowledge in the district schools, learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for several years, but subsequently turned his attention to agriculture. He has a fine farm of one hundred acres, to which he has given his exclusive attention of late; and his excellent crops attest his thorough knowledge of farming. In politics he has always held firmly to the principles of the Democratic party; and in 1876, also 1877, he represented his town with credit in the State legislature. For several years Mr. Edgerly has been identified with the Masonic Order.

On November 22, 1868, he was united in marriage to Annie E. Plumer, a daughter of Samuel Plumer, who belongs to one of the oldest families in Rockingham County. Mr. and Mrs. Edgerly have three living children—Walter S., Lewis L., and Bessie I. The mother is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Edgerly has spent his life in the community, to its betterment, and is fairly entitled to the social respect and recognition which he receives.

GEORGE D. RAND, First Selectman of Chester, was born in this town, August 22, 1848, son of John B. and Dorcas (Hobart) Rand. He belongs to the third generation of the family. His grandfather, Joseph Rand, who was a native of the town of Gilford, N.H., moved to Chester, when his son John was about seven years old. John B. Rand, who was born in Gilford, grew to manhood in Chester. He worked as a farmer, laborer, and carpenter. He moved from Chester to Lynn, Mass., and from there to Minnesota. While in Minnesota he was engaged in agriculture successively in Stearns and Todd Counties. His last days were spent in Chester, where he died March 27, 1895. His first wife, whose maiden name was Lois

Seavey, was born in Chester, and died in that town. She was the mother of four children, namely: Melissa, now deceased; Jane M., who lives in East Candia, N.H.; Charles J., residing in Santa Fé, N.M; and a child who died in infancy. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Dorcas (Hobart) Barrett, a widow, her first husband being Robert Barrett, of Nashua, N.H., where he died. By her first union she had five children, namely: Amanda, now in Candia; Aldustia, in Chester; Mary and Lydia, both deceased; and a child who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rand had but one child besides our subject. This was Laura Etta, now the widow of John Brown, residing in Todd County, Minnesota.

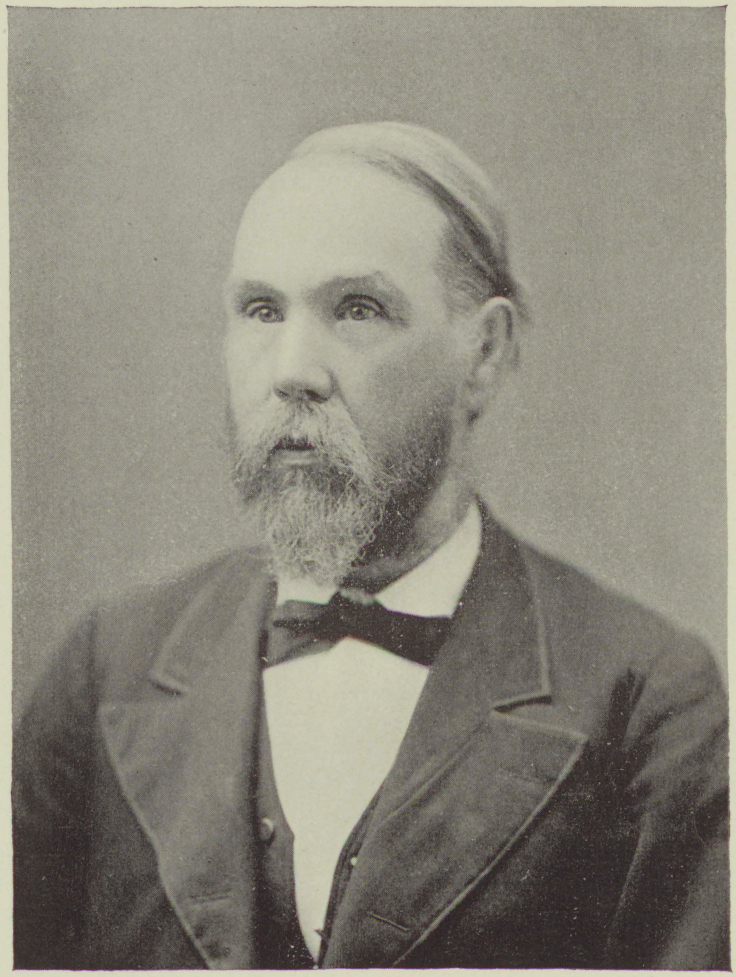
George D. Rand obtained his education in the common schools of Chester and New Hampton, N.H. After finishing his studies he went to Lynn, Mass., where he obtained employment in the heeling department of a shoe factory, and remained about twelve years. In 1879 he returned to Chester, and settled upon the farm which has been his home since. As a farmer he has been very successful. He also burns charcoal on his land, thereby adding materially to his income. His farm, which lies about a mile west of Chester village, was originally a very large one. Mr. Rand has sold part of it, retaining forty acres for his own use. He is prominent in the councils of Grange No. 169, Patrons of Husbandry, to which he has belonged for some time.

Mr. Rand has also been twice married. By his first marriage, contracted November 27, 1869, in Lynn, Mass., he was united to Miss Julia Allen. A native of North Berwick, Me., she was a daughter of Augustus Allen, a farmer and shoemaker, who resided for some time in North Berwick and Lynn. She died January 21, 1881, leaving three children, namely: Myra, who was born December 1, 1871, now the wife of George E. Stevens, of Epping, this county; Charles D., who was born November 2, 1875, now living with his father; and Jennie E., born April 4, 1879, who resides in Methuen, Mass. Mr. Rand's second marriage was contracted January 11, 1883, with Miss Lenora L. Parker, a native of Sandwich, N.H., who was born February 12, 1857, daughter of Samuel S. and Mary N. (Wentworth) Parker. Mr. Parker, who is a native of Franklin, N.H., and a shoemaker by trade, is now living in the village of Chester. His wife, a native of Deerfield, N.H., died April 9, 1881. By his second union Mr. Rand has had six children, namely: Maude R., born September 24, 1883; Lulu May, born March 26, 1885; Lauren Stillman, born April 21, 1887, who died July 19, 1888; George Edward, born August 31, 1889; Lena Melissa, born August 8, 1891; and Adell Augusta, born April 10, 1895.

Mr. Rand cast his first vote for the Democrats, but he has since changed his views and joined the Republican party. He has been First Selectman of Chester for the past three years, and has efficiently filled a number of minor offices. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist Society. The family is highly esteemed in Chester.

CHARLES E. TASKER, a well-known influential citizen of New Market, an ex-Representative in the New Hampshire legislature, and for many years Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, November 30, 1833, son of Jewett and Louisa (Haskell) Tasker.

Mr. Tasker's father was a native of Northwood, who settled in New Market when a young man, and established himself as a contractor and builder. He conducted a prosperous business for many years, becoming prominently identified with the growth and development of this town; and his valuable experience and extensive knowledge in building operations gave him a strong influence, which he used upon every occasion to secure the introduction of notable public improvements. Being naturally of a retiring disposition, his quiet every-day life was undisturbed by political aspirations; and what leisure time he could spare from his private business was devoted to forwarding the general welfare of the community. He died in 1872, leaving an honorable record as an upright man and useful citizen. His wife,



CHARLES E. TASKER.

formerly Louisa Haskell, a native of Beverly, Mass., died in 1840.

Charles E. Tasker acquired his education in the public schools of New Market and in Beverly, Mass. At an early age he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade with his father, whom he assisted in his building operations until 1858, when he joined the exodus for the gold fields in California, arriving in San Francisco in August of that year. He was engaged in mining at Placerville for a short time, later being employed as a pattern-maker in a foundry, subsequently purchasing the business, and carrying it on for three years. Selling out, he started another enterprise of the same character, manufacturing machinery and castings for quartz-mills at Silver City, Nev.; and he continued in business there until 1864, when he sold out and returned to New Market. A short time after reaching home he engaged in the undertaking business, having purchased an old establishment, which he improved and developed; and at the present time he is one of the leading undertakers and embalmers in Rockingham County, and is also superintendent of the New Market cemetery.

In 1861 Mr. Tasker married Georgiana, daughter of the Rev. L. B. Tasker, a native of this State. Of the children born of this union three are now living, namely: Louisa, wife of William T. Folsom, of Fort Payne, Ala.; Edward M., an undertaker of Portland, Me.; and Harry B., who is engaged in business with his father.

Mr. Tasker is an active supporter of the Democratic party, and has filled many positions of responsibility and trust. For several years he has been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was Town Treasurer, a member of the School Board, and superintendent of schools for three years; and in 1870 and 1871 he represented his town in the legislature with marked ability. As a citizen he is stirring and progressive, believing in continuing the march of public improvements; and his long and varied business experience is of material benefit to the community. Mr. and Mrs. Tasker are members of the Congregational church.

In Masonry Mr. Tasker is well advanced, being a member of Rising Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of New Market, of which he was Master for five years; Belknap Chapter of Dover, Orphan Council, No. 1; and St. Paul Commandery, Knights Templars; and he has received the Scottish Rite. He is also a member and Past Chancellor of Pioneer Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

DEACON CHARLES C. GRANT, a leading farmer and milk dealer of Auburn, was born in Greenfield, N.H., February 15, 1822, son of Charles and Mary B. (Ballard) Grant. The family was founded by one of three brothers who emigrated from the Island of Jersey in the English Channel. Two of the emigrants journeyed West in search of a suitable place to settle; while the other remained in the East, and took up his abode in Greenfield, Hillsborough County. John Grant, Deacon Grant's grandfather, who was a native of the Island of Jersey, became a prosperous farmer in Greenfield, where he reached an advanced age. He was the father of seven children, some of whom are still living.

Charles Grant was born in Greenfield, April 18, 1783. He was an industrious tiller of the soil during the active period of his busy life, was widely and favorably known in his locality from his connection with public affairs, having served as Constable and in other public capacities, to which he was elected by the Whig party. He was an upright, conscientious man and an active member of the Congregational church. He died in Greenfield, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, Mary, became the mother of nine children. Of these the only one now living is Charles C., the subject of this sketch.

Deacon Charles C. Grant attended the common schools of Peterboro, Hillsborough County, and Greenfield, for the usual period. He then went to Andover, Mass., where he was employed as a farm assistant for twenty-five years. After this he bought the Ray farm in Auburn, where he has since resided. The property, which originally consisted of one hundred and fifteen acres, has been since increased by the purchase of adjoining land to

three hundred acres. Deacon Grant has greatly improved the soil. His pasture land is well adapted for feeding cattle; and the residence, barns, and out-buildings, have all been rebuilt. He has four horses, keeps from twenty to twenty-five cows, and raises some cattle, having at the present time ten head of young stock. He deals largely in milk, which he buys from his neighbors and sells to the local creamery and to Boston dealers. In politics he is a Republican, and he has always taken a leading part in local affairs. He served with ability as a Selectman for five years. He was Town Treasurer for three years. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1876, and he was elected to the State legislature for the year 1877–78. He is a prominent member of the Congregational church, of which he has been a Deacon for the past thirty-seven years.

In 1843 Mr. Grant was united in marriage to Salome Senter, who became the mother of three children, none of whom are living. He contracted a second marriage with Frances Anderson, of Londonderry, this county, who bore him five children, of whom two are living; namely, Addison M. and Erwin F. For his third wife he wedded a Miss Brown, who bore him no children. His present wife, a native of Auburn, whose maiden name was Hattie F. Coffin, is the mother of five children, namely: Hattie F., who resides in Concord, Merrimack County; Charles Henry, who is residing at home; Perley C., who is attending school in Derry, this county; Mary B. and Edgar, who are both at home. Addison M., who was educated in the schools of Derry and Auburn, is now residing in Lawrence. He married Mary Hall, of Chester, N.H.; and of the four children born of the union Herbert, aged nineteen years, is the only survivor. Charles Henry Grant, born in June, 1873, acquired a good education in the schools of Auburn and Manchester. On April 15, 1896, he married Jennie E. Benson, of Manchester, and is now engaged in assisting his father at the farm. Charles Henry (first), Mr. Grant's eldest son by his first wife, having enlisted in September, 1862, in Company A, Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers, was captured by the rebels at the battle of Fair Oaks, and taken to Salisbury Prison, North Carolina, where he died of starvation, February 10, 1865.

DANA C. HEALY, of the firm Healy & Brown, shoe manufacturers of Raymond, was born here, April 30, 1850, son of John and Sarah (Heath) Healy, of this place. His grandfather, Moses Healy, came to Raymond from Chester, this county. He was a prosperous farmer and lumberman. During the War of 1812 he was on duty at Portsmouth, N.H. At his death in 1861 he had attained the age of eighty-one years. He married a Miss Pillsbury, of Candia, this county, by whom he became the father of five children. Of these the only one now living is Ruth, the widow of James Stone, of Charlestown, Mass. John, born here in Raymond, was a farmer and lumberman. He took much interest in public affairs, served for a number of years as Selectman, and was a Representative to the General Court at Concord. In politics he held the views of the Democratic party. When he died, on November 5, 1889, he had reached the age of seventy-three years. He and his wife, Sarah, were the parents of eight children. Of these there are still living three sons and a daughter, namely: Mary J., the wife of Isaac F. Underhill, of Candia; and James M., Dana C., and Edward S., all of Raymond.

Dana C. Healy received his education in the common schools and at the Raymond and Chester Academies. He began his business career by working in a saw-mill in Albany, Me., for six years. Returning to Raymond, he was employed as a clerk in the grocery store of B. F. Tilton. After four years spent in this capacity he purchased his employer's business, and in partnership with Clark C. White conducted the store for the ensuing four years. He then bought out his partner's interest, and was the sole proprietor during the next four years. At the end of that period he received E. C. Rowell as a partner, with whom the business was carried on under the firm name of E. C. Rowell & Co. for another year. Mr. Healy then sold his interest.

Previous to this he had begun to build his present factory. It was completed in the fall of 1890, and has since been occupied by Healy & Brown. The building is thirty feet wide, seventy feet long, and three stories in height. The firm manufactures women's shoes, employs from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five hands, and has a capacity of one hundred and twenty-five cases per week. From 1885 to 1890 Mr. Healy was also engaged in the lumber business, in company with P. B. Corson. They bought standing timber, and converted it into lumber at their steam saw-mill in Raymond. In the fall of 1895 he repurchased the grocery business formerly conducted by him, and now carries on the store in addition to performing his part in the management of the factory.

In politics Mr. Healy is a Democrat. While in Albany, Me., he was Selectman for one year, filled the office of Town Clerk for a time, and served on the School Board three years. Since his return to Raymond he has served on the School Board for five years, has been Town Clerk ten years, was Selectman in the year 1893–94, and in 1891 was elected member of the General Court at Concord. In 1874, during his residence in Maine, Mr. Healy joined Oxford Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 61, of Waterford, and later Wildey Encampment, No. 2, of Norway. He has withdrawn from these organizations since he came to Raymond, and is now a member of Junietta Lodge, No. 47, and Granite Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond, in both of which he has filled all the chairs. He is also a Master Mason in Rockingham Lodge, No. 76. Having passed all the chairs in said lodge, he is a member of Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Adoniram Council, and Trinity Commandery, Knights Templars, and of the local grange.

Mr. Healy was first married in 1872 to Miss Emma L. Wight, of Albany, Me. Of their four children the only survivor is Myrtie B., who is attending school in Raymond. On March 2, 1892, Mr. Healy was married to his present wife, whose maiden name was Hattie L. Page. She is a native of Raymond. They have a little daughter, Ada P., two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Healy attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

DAVID E. BROWN, an enterprising farmer and lumber manufacturer of Candia, was born in this town, January 3, 1834, son of David and Mary (Bagley) Brown. The family, which is of English origin, was founded by an early settler in Amesbury, Mass. Mr. Brown's great-grandfather, Caleb Brown, who was probably a native of Rye, this county, settled in Candia, where he cleared a good farm from the wilderness. He was prominently concerned in the early growth and development of Candia, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred after he had reached an advanced age. Of his seven children David Brown (first), the grandfather of David E., was a native and lifelong resident of this town. He followed the trade of a cooper, and carried on farming throughout his active period. Though not officially concerned in public affairs, he took a deep interest in the prosperity of the town, and supported the Whig party in politics. He married Elizabeth Martin, of Amesbury, Mass., and with her reared four children, none of whom are living. His death occurred in 1833, at the age of sixty-five years.

David Brown (second), the father of David E., was born in Candia. In young manhood he learned the cooper's trade, which was his chief occupation for some years after. He became prominent as an agriculturist, owning and cultivating a good farm for the greater part of his life; and he died in this town, June 15, 1879, aged eighty-one years and eight months. He was an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen, who was ever ready to aid in any movement for the general good. He followed the majority of the old Whigs into the Republican party at its formation. His wife, Mary, a native of Candia, was a descendant of an old Amesbury family. Her grandmother, Sarah Goodwin, who was born in Amesbury in 1749, died in Candia in 1848, after reaching the age of ninety-nine years. Mrs. David Brown became the mother of six children, five of whom are living, namely: Freeman M.,

who is residing in Auburn, N.H.; George W., a resident of Candia; Edmund D., of Manchester; John A., of this town; and David E., the subject of this sketch.

David E. Brown acquired his education in the common schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen he commenced to learn shoemaking, and subsequently followed that trade until he was twenty-four years old. For the next fourteen years he was engaged in teaming and farming. After this he settled upon his present farm, and has since been chiefly occupied in managing it. It contains seventy acres of good land, especially adapted for general farming and the pasturing of cattle. Mr. Brown keeps some excellent cows, and produces some first-grade butter. He also engages in the manufacturing of lumber, operates a saw-mill, which turns out seventy thousand feet of lumber annually. His energy and enterprise in this direction, while profitable to himself, are also beneficial to the town. He is also interested in the Candia Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is President.

On December 16, 1858, Mr. Brown wedded Susan M. Hardy, of Candia, by whom he is the father of four children, namely: Edwin E., who lives in Manchester, Hillsborough County; and Harry G., Dana H., and Elmer D., who are residing at home. In politics Mr. Brown is an active supporter of the Republican party and a leading spirit in local public affairs. At the present time he is a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was Supervisor for two years. Both he and Mrs. Brown attend the Free Will Baptist church.

HAZEN W. BATCHELDER, the owner of a large saw-mill in Raymond, was born here, June 16, 1848, son of Hazen and Betsy (Wason) Batchelder. He is a descendant of a Congregational clergyman who emigrated from England to this country at an early date. This ancestor subsequently died in England, having left here a part, if not all, of his large family of children. Jonathan Batchelder, the great-grandfather of Hazen W., coming from Hampton, this county, with his brother John, was one of the first settlers of this town, where he took up the land now comprised in the old Batchelder homestead. The Batchelders of the northern part of Raymond and of the town of Deerfield are his descendants. Jonathan Batchelder served all through the Revolutionary War. Excluding that period, the active part of his life of more than fourscore years was spent in agriculture. He was the father of seven children, all of whom have now passed away. Amos, who was born in Raymond, followed farming, the calling to which he was reared. Although his father was a Democrat, he became a supporter of the Whigs. He was a Deacon in the Free Will Baptist church. For his first wife he married Miss Mary Lane, of Raymond, by whom he had four children, of whom the only one now living is Amos Batchelder, a resident of Raymond. His second and last wife, a native of Chester, N.H., whose maiden name was also Mary Lane, had no children. He died in 1861, at the age of eighty-two years.

Hazen Batchelder, the father of Hazen W., learned the trade of a carpenter, which he followed for a time. He then engaged in farming. For a time he also conducted a saw-mill, erected by him on the Lane Road. In the latter part of his life he dropped the saw-mill business and conducted the farm only. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he was a Democrat, and was very prominent in town affairs. He served for a number of terms as Selectman, being Chairman of that Board during a portion of the time. By his wife, Betsy, he became the father of five children, of whom three are living. These are: Charles A., residing on the old homestead in Raymond; Mary A., wife of Levi Moulton, of this town; and Hazen W., the subject of this article. The father died in 1882, seventy-four years of age.

Hazen W. Batchelder gained a good knowledge of the common branches of study in the public schools of Raymond. Entering upon the more serious duties of life, he worked for six years at the painter's trade. Subsequently he ran a circular saw for two years. At the end of that time he purchased an interest in a portable saw-mill, with which he travelled six years. Finally, in 1884, he purchased his

present establishment of E. T. Nutter & Co. of Portland, Me. The upper mill was erected and furnished with a circular saw by Blake & Locke, who sold out in 1867 to Mr. Batchelder's predecessors. In April, 1893, a large part of the building was destroyed by fire; but it was immediately rebuilt. Steam and water power are used in the mills; and the machinery includes three planers, a moulder, an engine lathe, two box machines, two long-edge squaring-up machines, and a clipper. Three men are employed in the upper mill and seven in the main mill; and together they turn out sixty thousand boxes per week, besides doing a large amount of log-sawing, finishing, and moulding. The place is the largest concern of the kind in Raymond.

In 1883 Mr. Batchelder was united in marriage with Miss Lilla Walcott, of Raymond, Me. They have had two children, but only one is living; namely, Vernon S., now about seven years old. They reside in a fine residence opposite the mill. In his political relations Mr. Batchelder is a Democrat. He has served very acceptably on the School Committee. He is a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; also of the United Order of the Golden Cross, Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 437, of Raymond.

LOVELL B. SMITH, a carriage manufacturer of Brentwood, was born September 30, 1850. His father, John Smith, also a native of Brentwood, was born in 1807. At one time he had a high reputation throughout this locality as a teacher of penmanship; and now, although eighty-nine years of age, he uses the pen with skill. He has in his possession many beautiful specimens of his penmanship, executed in his earlier days. After a time he abandoned the teaching of penmanship, and engaged in farming. He followed this calling as long as he was capable of doing so, and is now living with his son, Lovell B. He married Sophia P. Darrah, who was born in the town of Bedford, this State, in 1806, and died in Brentwood, April 20, 1889. She bore him seven children, of whom Abigail, Jabez James, Frank, and Charles H. have passed away. The others are: George Byron, of this township; John B., of Boston; and Lovell B., the subject of this sketch.

Lovell B. Smith was reared and educated in Brentwood, living on the home farm, which he assisted in carrying on until the time of his marriage. In 1872 he established himself in the business of carriage-making, which, with blacksmith work, he has since carried on. He and his father still own the farm, which contains three hundred and thirty-three acres of land. They raise corn, hay, potatoes, grain, and small fruit, including apples. From the apples they make cider, in which they do a considerable business. The farm, which was mostly improved by the father, is one of the finest in this vicinity. In politics both Mr. Smith and his father are strong adherents of the Democratic party, and the latter has served as Town Clerk and in other offices.

Mr. Smith was married September 3, 1891, to Miss Viola C. Neal, who was born April 6, 1854, in Barrington, N.H., daughter of John P. Neal. Mr. Neal was engaged in general farming in Rochester, N.H., until his death, July 21, 1887. Mrs. Neal, whose maiden name was Elvira S. Hoyt, survives her husband, making her home in Newburyport, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have but one child — an adopted daughter named Alice Sophia, who was born April 17, 1892. Mr. Smith is esteemed by the community as a man of sterling integrity.

EDWARD HAYFORD, a well-known carriage manufacturer of Newton, was born in Kingston, N.H., December 6, 1846, son of John B. and Mary W. (Badger) Hayford. Mr. Hayford's father, who was born in Atkinson, N.H., in 1819, died when Edward was a small boy. His mother was born in Kingston, N.H., July 28, 1820, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Wadleigh) Badger, both of whom were natives of Kingston. Benjamin Badger was an industrious farmer. He spent his whole life in Kingston, and died at the age of eighty-five. His wife's death occurred when she was fifty years old. They were the parents of six children — John, Daniel, Samuel, Joseph, Mary W., and Dolly.

Of these Mary W., Mr. Hayford's mother, is the only survivor. She reared three children, as follows: Fanny J., now wife of Horace Lefavor, of Newton; Edward, the subject of this sketch; and Samuel B., a resident of this town.

Edward Hayford grew to manhood as a farm boy in Kingston, receiving his education in the common schools. He has never learned a trade; but early in life he developed a genius for mechanical work, being handy with tools. In 1870, with a capital of one hundred dollars and one assistant, he engaged in the carriage business, upon a small scale, in Newton. Steadily applying himself to this industry, and increasing his facilities as his business increased, he has surpassed all his competitors in this section, and is now conducting a large and exceedingly profitable manufactory. He employs thirty workmen, and makes twenty different styles of vehicles, turning out from nine hundred to one thousand annually. His carriages find ready sale throughout the New England States, where they have acquired a good reputation for strength, durability, and excellence of finish. His plant has been twice destroyed by fire, the last time in 1887; but he made rapid recoveries from these reverses, and now has a large and well-equipped factory. The painting and finishing departments are in charge of his brother, Samuel B. Hayford, who has eight skilled workmen under him.

On November 28, 1866, Mr. Hayford was united in marriage to Mary F. Bartlett, who died February 4, 1876, leaving two children. These were: Etta M., now the wife of D. P. Battles, of Newton; and John E., who is associated with his father in business. In October, 1878, Mr. Hayford wedded for his second wife Ella C. Bartlett. By this union there have been two children — Eva May and Minnie B. The latter died May 15, 1890, aged three years and six months. Both parents are members of the Baptist church. In politics Mr. Hayford is a Democrat. He is connected with Twilight Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town. The family occupy a very handsome residence in the village, erected by Mr. Hayford some time ago.

DR. CALEB W. HANSON, of Northwood, N.H., who has followed his profession of physician in this town for thirty-eight years, was born in Barnstead, N.H., October 14, 1832, son of Nathaniel and Margery (Evans) Hanson. He comes of old New England stock. On the paternal side his family belongs to the branch that settled in Dover, N.H., then called Cochechee, about the year 1623. The use of the word "timothy" to designate a kind of hay is alleged to have originated from the act of one of the Doctor's ancestors, Timothy Hanson, who went from New York in 1720 to the Carolinas, and took with him a kind of grass which was easily cultivated and proved valuable as fodder for cattle. From the Carolinas it was taken to England, where also it became an established favorite. It is now known in the two hemispheres as timothy.

Ebenezer Hanson, Dr. Hanson's grandfather, who was born in 1759, was a farmer of Strafford, N.H. He married Abigail Caverno, and reared thirteen children. Nathaniel Hanson, the doctor's father, was born in Strafford, May 11, 1807. He was a wheelwright, and followed his trade during a great part of his life, at the same time cultivating a farm. A Republican in politics, he cast his vote at elections for the best man; but he made no effort to attain public office. He lived to be fourscore and four. His wife, who was a daughter of Edmund Evans, of Strafford, died at the age of eighty-two. Both attended the Baptist church. The children reared by them were: John, Caleb W., Levi H., Nathaniel R., Eben, Lewis F., Joseph B., George, and Jennie. Jennie is now Mrs. Foss.

Dr. Caleb W. Hanson received his early education in the New Hampton and Mount Vernon Academies. A part of his professional training was obtained at the New York University and Bowdoin College, in each of which he studied for a year. Graduating with the class of 1858 from Hanover College, he immediately began practice at Northwood, which has been the scene of his labors ever since. The demands of his profession in the past thirty-eight years have often been of a most arduous character. He has been obliged to

take long rides into the country at all times of the night and day and in all kinds of weather. Now, conceiving that his time has come for the enjoyment of some leisure, he is gradually reducing his visiting list.

In 1859 he was united in marriage with Emma A., daughter of Morris Knowles, of Lawrence, Mass., the builder of the mills at that place. Dr. and Mrs. Hanson have had one child, Nellie B. She is the wife of John G. Towle, of Northwood, and has three children — Murray H., Gertrude E., and Helen A. Dr. Hanson is a member of the State Medical Association.

MICAJAH OTIS HALL, who was born in Strafford, N.H., May 16, 1822, is now a resident of Greenland, Rockingham County, N.H. His name will wake a throb of interest and pleasant recollection in the hearts of many of his old pupils who studied under his direction in the neighboring towns and in Newburyport, Mass., and people with whom he had dealings in Boston as stationer and book-keeper. He is the son of Ralph and Lydia (Pearl) Hall, and is a representative of an old Colonial family of English origin. Mr. Hall has a plate which came from the mother country and is marked with his father's name.

Among the early settlers of New England were so many bearing the name John Hall that there exists in regard to them, it is said, "no little confusion." Savage mentions John, of Charlestown, who "came in 1630, it is thought, from Coventry, probably in the fleet with Winthrop"; John, of Dover, and his son John, also born in England, who was a Deacon; John, of Lynn and Salisbury; John, of Concord; John, of Middletown — not to mention others. Mr. Micajah O. Hall's grandfather, Samuel Hall, and his immediate ancestors were born in Strafford, N.H., and spent their lives there, following the pursuit of agriculture. Samuel Hall died in the house where his father and grandfather had closed their eyes in the last sleep. His wife bore the sweet old name of Charity.

Their son, Ralph Hall, grew up like the majority of farmers' boys in his day, acquiring his education in the district school and working in the fields as soon as old enough to be of use. Of an ambitious disposition, he hoped to do better away from home; and, purchasing his time of his father, he went to Boston, Mass., where he was for some time in the employ of Josiah Quincy, then Mayor of the city. Returning to Greenland, he leased the Robinson farm, which he cultivated for thirteen years, then buying the Shaw farm, which is now occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Ralph Hall was one of the most successful farmers in the State, and was one of the leading men in Greenland. He was a member of the Town Board of Selectmen for several years, and was two years in the State legislature. A member of the Methodist church, he was noted for his liberality in contributing toward all its worthy enterprises. He died in 1876, aged seventy-seven years. His wife, who was the daughter of Abram Pearl, died at the age of sixty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall were the parents of the following children: Mary C., Sarah E., and Lydia E., who have passed to the other life; Anna Maria, wife of F. R. Mitchell, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and mother of two children — Mary A. and Pearl; and Micajah Otis, the subject of this sketch.

M. Otis Hall applied himself diligently to his books in boyhood, finishing his studies at Greenland Academy. For some time after leaving school he worked at farming in the growing season, and taught during the winter terms, presiding over schools in his native town and in Rye, New Castle, and Portsmouth. He subsequently gave his whole attention to teaching, obtaining a position as master of a school in Joppa, a part of Newbury, Mass., and then taking charge of a school in Bellville, in the same town. He was next installed as principal of the Centre School in Newburyport, with two assistants. It has been said that, considering the amount of nervous force and mental energy expended, no profession is so ill paid as school teaching. Hoping to realize a little more financially, Mr. Hall purchased of Moses H. Sargent, in Newburyport, a book and stationery store, which he conducted till the war began, when he disposed of it and obtained a posi-

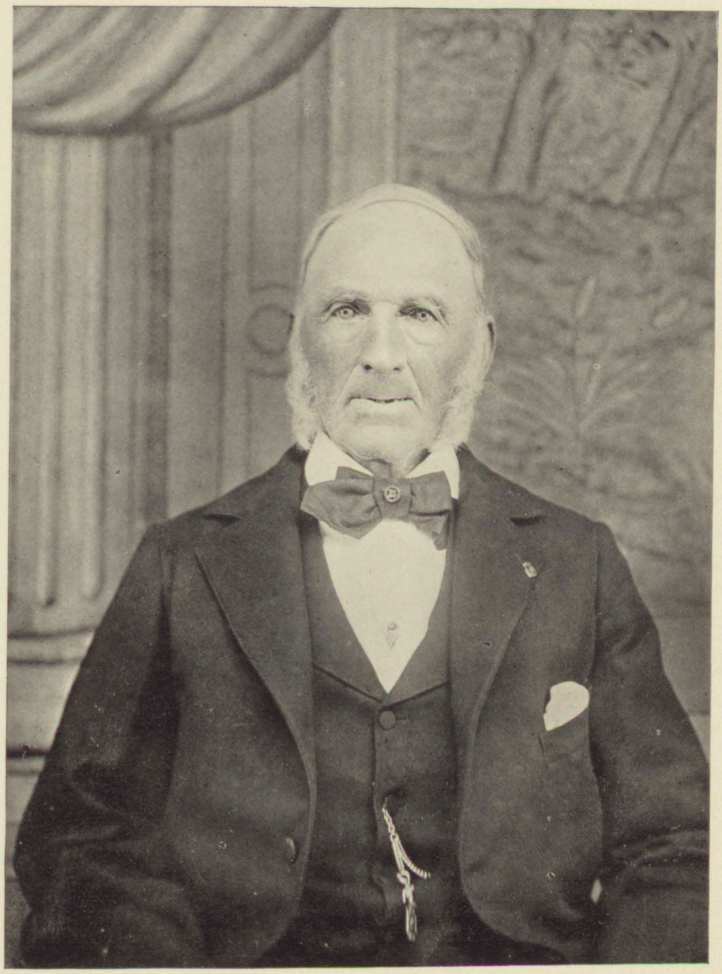
tion as paymaster's clerk on the frigate "Sabine"; and after that he took up book-keeping as an expert, and also opened a stationery store on Cornhill, Boston. He eventually sold his store on Cornhill, and was engaged as a book-keeper on India Street, the great commercial warehouse centre of Boston. About this time he was called to Chicago on business; and after his return he was employed in the Boston custom-house under Collectors Russell, Simmons, Worthington, Beard, and Saltonstall. On the death of a sister who had been living on the homestead in Greenland he purchased her half of the farm; and he has since made his home here, enjoying a season of well-earned leisure after years of mental work.

Mr. Hall was first married in 1846 to Rebecca A., daughter of Dr. George Odell, of Greenland, N.H. Mrs. Rebecca A. Hall died in 1869, while he was engaged as book-keeper on India Street, Boston, leaving five children, namely: George Ralph, a widower, who has lost two children; Alice, unmarried, who is with her father; Micajah O., who married Miss Claire Pond, and is book-keeper for Brown, Durrell & Co., of Boston; Sarah H., wife of Charles H. McIntosh, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., and mother of four children — Elsie, Helen, Bernice P., and Arthur; and Caroline A., who is the wife of Thomas W. Berry, a native of Nova Scotia, and mother of five children — Gertrude R., Charlotte H., Ralph H., Henry O. (deceased), and James O. Mr. and Mrs. Berry reside on the home farm with Mr. Hall, Mr. Berry superintending the farm work. Mr. Hall contracted a second marriage, his wife being Charlotte M. Jenkins, a member of the Jenkins family that owned Jenkins Island, off Portsmouth. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party. While in Newburyport he was a member of the School Committee, Secretary of the Board, and Secretary of the Lyceum Board. Mr. Hall is a Royal Arch Mason.

WILLIAM R. BUNKER, of Epping, who was for nearly a quarter of a century proprietor and manager of the Perkins Hotel, was born in Milton, N.H., in 1815, son of Enoch and Hannah (Drew) Bunker. Enoch Bunker was a native and lifelong resident of the Granite State, and devoted the greater part of his days to agricultural pursuits. He was a quiet and unassuming citizen, respected by all who knew him. His wife, who likewise was born in New Hampshire, died in 1862.

William R. Bunker had only the advantages of a common-school education, and the common schools in the early part of the century were much inferior in the matter of equipment to the schools of to-day. The branches of the tree of knowledge were not bent to the juvenile grasp as they are at present; but the child who would excel had to put forth his utmost endeavor and work hard for the boon of learning. The school-houses in the rural districts were far apart, and the Bunker lad was accustomed to walk two and a half miles to recite his lessons. When sixteen years of age, he found employment in the cotton-mills at New Market, N.H., where he remained four years, going then to Lowell, Mass. After working fifteen years in the Lowell cotton-mills, Mr. Bunker returned to New Hampshire, and for about eight years was engaged in farming at Lee. In 1860 he purchased the brick hotel in Epping now known as the Perkins Hotel; and for twenty-four years he successfully managed the house, making many friends by his social qualities and genial disposition. He is now retired from active business, and devotes his time to looking after his farm and other real estate.

In 1845 Mr. Bunker was married to Miss Hannah Stilson, of Lee, N.H., who died in May, 1890. He has no children living. In politics he favors the Democratic side, and he has the respect and confidence of his fellow-partisans. He has served his townsmen in the capacity of Selectman, and has creditably represented the district in the New Hampshire legislature. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he has passed the thirty-second degree, and is one of the oldest men in the order. Though Mr. Bunker has seen four-score winters, he is still hale and hearty, and bids fair to enjoy many more years in his pleasant home.



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Manoah Scribner, Mr. Scribner's grandfather, was born in Fremont, and accompanied his parents to Raymond. He inherited a portion of his father's estate, becoming one of the most prosperous agriculturists of his day; and he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in Raymond, December 8, 1818. He married for his first wife Anna Taylor, of Fremont, N.H., who died February 14, 1794, leaving three children; namely, Mary, Betsey, and Grace. For his second wife he married Sarah Fitts, of Sandown, N.H., who died August 26, 1841, and by this marriage five children were reared; namely, Annie, Daniel, Sylvia, John, and Abigail.

Daniel Scribner, son of Manoah and Sarah F. Scribner, was born upon the farm which is now occupied by his son Mark. Succeeding eventually to its ownership, he became a stirring and progressive farmer and one of the most prominent citizens of the town. In politics he supported the Democratic party, by which he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years; and he represented his district with ability in the legislature. He died June 27, 1871, aged seventy-four years. He attended the Congregational church. His wife, Annie Langford, a native of Portsmouth, N.H., became the mother of seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Abigail, wife of Dr. James F. Brown, of Manchester; Elizabeth, wife of D. L. Guernsey, of Concord, N.H.; Martha, who resides with her mother in this town; Mark, the owner of the homestead; Charles, also a resident of this town; and Julia, who resides in Boston.

Mark Scribner acquired his education in the common schools of Raymond, and after finishing his studies he assisted in carrying on the farm. Since starting in life upon his own account, he has advanced rapidly in prosperity, conducting various business operations with good judgment and practical ability. His property contains four hundred acres, divided into tillage, pasture, and wood land, and the cultivated portion is extremely fertile. He deals in uncut timber, also carrying on lumbering operations quite extensively, and handles a large amount of wood for fuel purposes. He has long occupied an important position in the management of town affairs, and is a leading spirit in the Democratic party, by which he has been elected a Selectman for eight terms. In 1883 he represented the district in the legislature with credit both to himself and his constituency.

In May, 1867, Mr. Scribner was married to Helen Kimball Fitts, his first wife; and by this union there were five children, of whom the only survivor is Fanny S., wife of Charles Brock, of Raymond. In April, 1890, he wedded for his second wife Georgia E. Batchelder, of this town.

Fraternally, Mr. Scribner is connected with the Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Granite Encampment, No. 14, of Raymond, of which he has filled the principal chairs; and Raymond Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has been Master for nearly two years. Mr. and Mrs. Scribner attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Scribner is a member; and he has acted as Steward and Trustee.

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Manoah Scribner, Mr. Scribner's grandfather, was born in Fremont, and accompanied his parents to Raymond. He inherited a portion of his father's estate, becoming one of the most prosperous agriculturists of his day; and he served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in Raymond, December 8, 1818. He married for his first wife Anna Taylor, of Fremont, N.H., who died February 14, 1794, leaving three children; namely, Mary, Betsey, and Grace. For his second wife he married Sarah Fitts, of Sandown, N.H., who died August 26, 1841, and by this marriage five children were reared; namely, Annie, Daniel, Sylvia, John, and Abigail.

Daniel Scribner, son of Manoah and Sarah F. Scribner, was born upon the farm which is now occupied by his son Mark. Succeeding eventually to its ownership, he became a stirring and progressive farmer and one of the most prominent citizens of the town. In politics he supported the Democratic party, by which he was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years; and he represented his district with ability in the legislature. He died June 27, 1871, aged seventy-four years. He attended the Congregational church. His wife, Annie Langford, a native of Portsmouth, N.H., became the mother of seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Abigail, wife of Dr. James F. Brown, of Manchester; Elizabeth, wife of D. L. Guernsey, of Concord, N.H.; Martha, who resides with her mother in this town; Mark, the owner of the homestead; Charles, also a resident of this town; and Julia, who resides in Boston.

Mark Scribner acquired his education in the common schools of Raymond, and after finishing his studies he assisted in carrying on the farm. Since starting in life upon his own account, he has advanced rapidly in prosperity, conducting various business operations with good judgment and practical ability. His property contains four hundred acres, divided into tillage, pasture, and wood land, and the cultivated portion is extremely fertile. He deals in uncut timber, also carrying on lumbering operations quite extensively, and handles a large amount of wood for fuel purposes. He has long occupied an important position in the management of town affairs, and is a leading spirit in the Democratic party, by which he has been elected a Selectman for eight terms. In 1883 he represented the district in the legislature with credit both to himself and his constituency.

In May, 1867, Mr. Scribner was married to Helen Kimball Fitts, his first wife; and by this union there were five children, of whom the only survivor is Fanny S., wife of Charles Brock, of Raymond. In April, 1890, he wedded for his second wife Georgia E. Batchelder, of this town.

Fraternally, Mr. Scribner is connected with the Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Granite Encampment, No. 14, of Raymond, of which he has filled the principal chairs; and Raymond Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has been Master for nearly two years. Mr. and Mrs. Scribner attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Scribner is a member; and he has acted as Steward and Trustee.

JACKSON M. HOYT, a well-known and respected citizen of Newington, was born in this town on January 15, 1850. The Hoyt family, which was probably of German extraction, settled in the

town of Newington in the year 1703, when the place was not separate from what are now the towns of Dover and Portsmouth. Mr. Jackson M. Hoyt's great-great-great-grandfather was William Hoyt, who was born, it is said, in Amesbury, Mass. William Hoyt had a son, John, who had a son, Dennis, born in the town of Newington, May 1, 1744. This Mr. Hoyt had a son, Samuel, who was born on August 15, 1772, and who had in turn a son named John, who was born on March 30, 1802, in the birthplace of so many of his ancestors.

John Hoyt, son of Samuel, was a brickmaker by trade; and he struck the first brick on the Rogers estate in Portsmouth, where his son Alfred now lives. John Hoyt was married three times. His first wife was Elizabeth Dame, whom he wedded about the year 1826. By her he had seven children — James W., who resides in the town of Newington; John E., who died on August 12, 1893; Martha, the wife of Joseph S. Hoyt; Mary F., the wife of James Packard; Alfred C.; Samuel W., who lives in Portsmouth; and Martin, who also resides in Portsmouth. Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hoyt died in September, 1842. Mr. Hoyt next married Miss Martha Nutter, by whom he had one child, Martha A., who is the wife of Ira Coffin, of Pittsburg, Pa. He was married the third time in 1844 to Miss Abigail P. Coleman. Five children, four sons and one daughter, were the result of this union. Those that survive are: Henry, who resides in Lynn; Jackson M., the subject of this sketch, further mentioned below; and Nancy, the wife of Charles A. Nutter, of the firm of Nutter, Barnes & Co. of Boston, Mass. Two children died in infancy, some time apart. They both bore the name of Winfield S. Mr. John Hoyt came to the farm whereon his son Jackson now resides in 1845, and died in 1868. His wife died in 1878, at the age of sixty-four years.

Jackson M. Hoyt was born and reared on his father's farm. He received a district-school education, and later took a business course at Comer's Commercial College in Boston, Mass. He was eighteen years of age when his father died; and he returned to take charge of the farm, one of thirteen acres, which he finally purchased in 1872. He has been a teacher for five terms in various towns outside of Newington, and has taught the Newington school for three terms.

In 1876 Mr. Hoyt was appointed by the Governor of the State a Justice of the Peace for the county of Rockingham, which office he held for fifteen years, refusing then to have his commission renewed. In 1892 he served on the Board of Building Committee for the erection of the Langdon Public Library Building, a structure to which every loyal citizen points with pride.

Mr. Hoyt showed his efficiency and his capacity for bearing the burden of office at the early age of twenty-one, when he was elected Town Clerk of Newington, which office he held for three successive years, valid testimony of the confidence his fellow-townsmen reposed in his integrity and ability. He was appointed Tax Collector in 1872, and again in 1875, a member of the Board of Education in 1883, 1884, and 1885, and Selectman in 1886, 1887, 1894, and 1895. He has held the office of superintendent of the Newington Cemetery since 1890. Mr. Hoyt is a solid Democrat in political faith, always doing his best to assist his party in every way, not from any hope for the possible spoils, but from a rigid sense of duty and a sincere desire to improve the political status of the county of Rockingham. He is an earnest and enthusiastic member of and a true and unselfish worker in the Congregational church, at whose meetings he always fills the office of clerk in a thorough and typical manner.

Mr. Jackson M. Hoyt was married on November 28, 1878, to Miss Mary S. Pickering, of the town of Newington, daughter of Frank T. and Sophia E. G. (DeWitt) Pickering. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt have been blessed with eight children, namely: John F.; Martin D.; Martha S.; Mary B.; Abigail D.; Jackson Manning; one child that died in infancy; and Willis Hadley.

HENRY A. SHUTE, Esq., Judge of the Exeter police court, was born in Exeter, November 17, 1856, son of George S. and Joanna (Simkins) Shute. His great-grandfather was Nathaniel

Shute, a ship-builder of Newfields, this county; and his grandfather, Henry Shute, was born in Newfields, April 17, 1794. Henry Shute, who lived for a number of years in Exeter, was a merchant, a lumberman, and a manufacturer. It was he who furnished the lumber needed in the erection of Exeter town hall. His death happened at Exeter in December, 1858. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Rowe Smith, reared two sons and two daughters. Their eldest son, Henry A., a Dartmouth graduate and a classmate of Daniel Webster's son, was a bright student, and was to have qualified for the bar if he had not died at the age of twenty-one. The second child, Ann Eliza, died of consumption at the age of thirty-three. The third, George S., was the father of Henry A. The youngest, Sarah F., who is unmarried, lives with her brother.

George S. Shute was born in Exeter, March 4, 1827, and there received his education. He was subsequently a clerk in the naval department of the custom-house at Boston for many years. In 1889 he retired from active work, and is now residing on Court Street, Exeter, where he took up his residence in 1870. In politics Mr. Shute is a Republican. His marriage took place in March, 1853. His wife, who was a native of Brereton, England, died in February, 1895, aged sixty-nine years. She was the mother of nine children, seven of whom attained maturity; namely, Celia E., Cornelia F., Georgie W., Annie P., Frank F., Edward, and Henry A. Cornelia F. is the wife of C. E. Byington; and Georgie W. is a teacher in Albany, N.Y.

Henry A. Shute received his early education in Exeter, preparing for college at Phillips Exeter Academy. He graduated at Harvard in 1879, with a class numbering two hundred and sixty members. He was admitted to the bar in 1882, and commenced practice immediately. In April, 1883, he was appointed Judge of the police court, a position which he has efficiently filled up to the present time. Judge Shute was married November 18, 1885, to Amelia F. Weeks, daughter of Nathaniel and Frances (Prescott) Weeks, of Exeter. Mr. Weeks, who was a merchant grocer, died in 1880; and his wife died in 1885. They had besides Mrs. Shute a son, Everett P. Weeks, of Exeter. Mrs. Shute died January 27, 1895, in her thirty-fourth year, leaving two children — Richard Everett and Nathalie, aged respectively eight and two years. Judge Shute is a Republican. He belongs to one social organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious belief he is a Unitarian.

ALBERT B. MOORE, Town Clerk and Treasurer of Northwood, was born in this town, November 18, 1856, a son of Samuel S. and Anna M. (Batchelder) Moore. His grandfather, John Moore, was a native of Stratham, Rockingham County, and an active member of the farming community of that town. John Moore lived to the age of eighty years. His first wife, Lydia Wiggin, died while still in the fresh bloom of womanhood, leaving the following children: Sarah (Mrs. Durgin), Marguerite A. (Mrs. Peck), Lydia W. (Mrs. Peck), Elizabeth W., and Samuel S.

Samuel S. Moore learned the shoemaker's trade, and, after following it for a number of years, engaged in mercantile pursuits. The last fifteen years of his life were devoted to agricultural work on a farm in this town. A Republican in politics, he served for two years as Town Clerk of Northwood. He died at the age of fifty-nine. His wife, Ann, was a daughter of Benjamin Batchelder, of Northwood, and a grand-daughter of Simon Batchelder, a native of this town and a Revolutionary patriot. She is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Moore attended the Congregational church. They reared but one child, the subject of this sketch.

Albert B. Moore was educated in the public schools of Northwood. Like his father, he learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it for some time. He then abandoned the bench for the field, and for some years he has been prosperously engaged in general farming. He has a good farm, on which he has made many improvements; and almost every foot of his property is turned to good account.

Mr. Moore was married in 1891 to Mary E., daughter of Eben French, of Lawrence, Mass.

Mrs. Moore died in 1892, at the age of thirty-five. Mr. Moore is a Republican in politics. He has served as Town Clerk since 1885 and as Town Treasurer since 1888, and has the confidence and esteem of the citizens of Northwood, regardless of party lines. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 83, of Northwood Narrows. A representative of an old Northwood family, Mr. Moore is well known in this part of Rockingham County and as widely respected. He is also Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Coe's Northwood Academy.

CHARLES R. ROWE, a prominent farmer of Candia and a representative of an old and reputable New Hampshire family, was born in Candia, July 26, 1834. The records of this family date as far back as 1595, when its founder, Nicholas Rowe, it is said, was a citizen of Plymouth, England. He emigrated to the American colonies a few years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, and settled at Strawberry Bank, now Portsmouth, N.H. Nicholas Rowe was one of twenty inhabitants of that settlement who on May 25, 1640, signed a deed, making a grant of fifty acres of land to certain trustees for a glebe, to be held for church purposes forever.

A large family of children were born to Nicholas Rowe and his wife Elizabeth. One of their descendants, Daniel by name, married Abigail Stockman, of Hampton Falls, and lived there until 1762. In that year they came to Candia with their son Isaiah, settling on a farm on the Pine Hill Road, subsequently removing to Candia North Road, where they located permanently on the farm now owned by Deacon George S. Richardson. Daniel Rowe taught school in Candia. His wife was known as an earnest Christian woman.

Isaiah Rowe, great-grandfather of Charles R. Rowe, was a prominent man in Candia, where he held many offices, being one of the organizers of the town. He was a patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War, holding the rank of Sergeant in Captain Moses Baker's company in 1777. He died in 1810, and was buried beside his parents in Hill Cemetery, where are now resting the remains of members of six generations of the Rowe family. Isaiah Rowe and his wife, Sarah Healey, had eleven children, one of them a son named Jonathan; and this Jonathan left a son called Moses, born in the town of Candia, July 27, 1793.

Moses Rowe married Miss Sarah Brown, of Candia, and was the father of ten children, eight of whom are living — Moses E., in Bedford, Mass.; Mary J., the wife of Joshua D. Guyer, a manufacturer of Boston, Mass.; Hiram D., a dentist living in Brewster, Mass.; Francis D., a resident of Candia; Charles R., of Candia; Lorinda L., the wife of Gilman K. Worthen, of Manchester; Lavinia T., the wife of Henry W. Rowe, of Boston; and Henrietta, wife of Calvin A. Rowe, also of Boston, Mass.; Mary and Emeline both died in infancy.

The father of this family was a man who never cared for public offices, preferring to live quietly and independently. He was a Whig and subsequently a Republican. Farming and trading were the principal interests of his life; and he was also a cooper, so that in the case of either or both of the other enterprises failing he still had a certain livelihood secured. This respected and law-abiding citizen of Candia passed into the other life March 25, 1866, aged seventy-three years. His family attended the Congregational church.

Charles R. Rowe was educated in the common schools of Candia and the literary institutions of New Hampton and New London. After leaving school he engaged in farming, and during the winters taught in various towns, among which were Candia, Hookset, New London, Suncook, and Pembroke, all schools of different grades. This occupation he followed before and after the war, in all a period of about twenty-five years. In 1862 Mr. Rowe enlisted in Company I, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, with forty-two comrades from Candia, under Colonel Harriman and Captain W. R. Patten, for a three years' term. The company was mustered in in Concord, N.H.; and the young soldiers who set out on the journey little knew what perils they were now to encounter, or when

they should again see their homes. Mr. Rowe remained in the service until the close of the war.

He was in his first baptism of blood at Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862, and was camped on Falmouth Heights, opposite the ill-fated city, which was so soon to be the scene of such suffering. From there his company was ordered to Newport News, Va., to recruit, and from there to Mississippi, where the troops were holding Vicksburg in siege. From Vicksburg he went to Kentucky, then to Cairo, Ill., and from that point back to Vicksburg, where he remained until the evacuation of the city on July 4, 1863, then following the Southern army to Jackson, Miss., returning afterward to camp in the rear of the deserted city until they should be transported North. The men of Company I were then sent to Annapolis, marched over the Cumberland Mountains to Knoxville, Tenn., where they remained during the siege of that city, returning subsequently to Washington, D.C. During the siege of Knoxville, in the winter of 1863 and 1864, sufficient supplies could not be transported to the army; and the men were destitute of sufficient clothing and shoes. Soldiers marching with bare feet left blood marks on the frozen ground, and food became so scarce that two ears of corn were issued as a day's ration. Mr. Rowe saw some of the most severe fighting of the Civil War, and his army record is one of which his descendants may feel proud. He fought through the bloody battles of the Wilderness, which made the date of May 6 to 12 a memorable one for both armies, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania Court-house, North Anna River, and City Point, and then repaired to the siege of Petersburg, where he was on duty until the city was taken. The war was shortly terminated; and Mr. Rowe received his discharge June 10, 1865, after a service during which he had not had a single day's furlough from military duty.

Very soon after his return to Candia he purchased the estate known as the Joshua Lane place, and has continued farming and dairying upon it ever since. Mr. Rowe was married December 7, 1865, to Miss Lydia J. Worthen, of Candia. Two children were born to them — Carrie B., who married Allan H. Nelson, of Candia; and George L., who is engaged in the livery business at Candia Depot. George L. Rowe does an extensive amount of transporting, as there are always passengers to be taken to and from the railroad station.

Charles R. Rowe is a Republican in politics. He has been superintendent of schools in Candia for several years, and is a man whose influence is always cast on the side of right and justice. A Congregationalist in religious belief, he has been a stanch supporter of the church of that denomination in Candia, having served as one of its Deacons for ten years. In his family relations he has been especially blessed, both of his children living in the town where their parents reside; and in the social and business circles of his town he has an enviable reputation for integrity, sound judgment, and steadfastness of purpose.

JAMES M. HEALEY, a well-known mill operator and extensive box manufacturer of Raymond, was born in this town, June 32, 1848, son of John and Sarah (Heath) Healey. The family is a highly reputable one in this locality; and an account of Mr. Healey's ancestors is given in the sketch of Dana C. Healey, which appears elsewhere in this work.

James M. Healey acquired the elements of knowledge in the common schools of Raymond, Me., and worked at farming on the family homestead until reaching the age of twenty years. He then engaged in the mill business, sawing shingles, grinding corn, and advancing steadily in prosperity until 1892, when he engaged in the manufacture of both wood and paper boxes, which he is now carrying on upon a large scale. The mill, which was formerly the property of Abram Hodgkins, he bought in 1888; and he has rebuilt and enlarged it to its present proportions, eighty by twenty feet, and two stories in height. He put in a new and improved planing machine, manufactured by Hall & Brown, of St. Louis, at a cost of eight hundred dollars. He employs twelve girls and from seven to twelve men, producing some twenty-five thousand

boxes, large and small, per week; and the sawing capacity of the mill, which is provided with both steam and water power, is about thirty thousand feet per week. Besides the mill Mr. Healey owns two fine residences and a number of barns, storehouses, and other buildings. In politics he supports the Democratic party, and has served on the Board of Selectmen for eight years in succession, having been Chairman for three years. On May 1, 1869, he was united in marriage to Laura J. Underhill, daughter of Moses Underhill, of Chester, N.H. Two children came to enlarge and brighten the family circle — Annie L., now a teacher in this town; and Ruth S., who resides at home.

Mr. Healey is connected with several fraternal organizations, being a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; Junietta Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 47, of Raymond, in which he has filled important chairs; and Raymond Grange, No. 138, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he is at the present time Master and Overseer. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

ELWIN C. MILLS, a prosperous farmer and shoe manufacturer of Sandown, was born October 24, 1851, in Lebanon, York County, Me., son of John and Sarah (Cowell) Mills, both natives of the same town. John Mills lived in Lebanon several years after his marriage, being actively engaged in farming and shoemaking. In 1865 he removed with his family to New Hampshire, locating in the town of Hampstead, where he has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. His wife Sarah bore him five children, as follows: Elwin C., the subject of this sketch; Herbert W., residing at Hampstead, who married Miss Annie Knight; Flora M., who is the wife of Daniel W. Knight, of Dorchester, Mass.; Cynthia, who married Walter Knight, also a resident of Dorchester; and John E., who married Miss Annie Sawyer, and lives in Hampstead.

Elwin C. Mills completed his schooling in the academy at West Lebanon, Me. He remained under the parental roof-tree until his marriage. Coming then to Sandown, he took up his residence on what was then known as the old Plummer homestead. He has since been intimately associated with the agricultural and business interests of the town. He owns one hundred and fifteen acres of land, which he industriously cultivates, harvesting good crops each year and raising some stock. During the warmer months Mr. and Mrs. Mills entertain summer guests, most of whom come from Boston and its suburbs. Their house has accommodations for about sixty boarders. Mr. Mills's factory is equipped with the latest approved machinery for making shoes, is supplied with steam-power, and gives constant employment to about fifteen men. He carries on a good business, selling the larger part of his manufactures in Boston. In politics Mr. Mills is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is public-spirited and progressive, and takes an intelligent interest in local affairs. He has served on the School Committee six years. He was Selectman for two years, and for a time was Tax Collector. He is a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Kingston, and is Master of Pomona Grange, which he assisted in bringing to its present high standing among its sister societies.

Mr. Mills was united in marriage January 29, 1873, to Miss Sarah M. Davis, a daughter of the late Giles M. and Mary W. (Plummer) Davis. Both her parents are natives of this county, the father having been born in Plaistow, and the mother in Sandown, where she spent her life. Mrs. Mills was born on the homestead farm in Sandown, March 21, 1849, and, after attending the academy at New Hampton, was engaged in teaching school for eight years. She has had nine children, as follows: Cecil E., born April 7, 1874; Mabel E., born October 23, 1875, who is a teacher in the public schools; Arthur E., born November 22, 1877; Willie, born April 13, 1879, who died September 5, 1879; Roscoe S., born August 12, 1881; Mary Alice, born July 10, 1883, who died August 30 of the same year; Herbert M., born April 16, 1885; Abbie E., born July 8, 1886; and Flora I., born November 23, 1889, who died September 8, 1890.



ALBERT C. BUSWELL.

ALBERT C. BUSWELL, M.D., a popular medical practitioner and prominent citizen of Epping, N.H., was born in the town of Wilmot, N.H., October 3, 1853. His parents were Hiram and Mary J. (Frazier) Buswell. Hiram Buswell, who was a native of New Hampshire and for many years a resident successively of Nashua and Weare, N.H., was for some time engaged in railroad work of different kinds. The latter part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits in the town of Weare. He died in 1893, his estimable wife having passed away in 1877.

Albert C. Buswell in his boyhood attended school in Nashua, N.H., and later took a four years' course at Colby Academy, New London, N.H., graduating in 1871. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. A. R. Dearborn, and was subsequently with Dr. G. W. Currier, of Nashua. He was graduated from the Medical School of Maine, Bowdoin College, in 1878, and began to practise in Amherst, N.H., where he remained two years, spending the following year in Brooklyn, N.Y., and locating in Epping in 1881. Thoroughly grounded in medical science, and naturally gifted with the qualities that make the successful physician, he is one of the leading professional men of Rockingham County, and has a large practice in and about Epping. Dr. Buswell was Secretary of the Rockingham Medical Association during its existence.

He was married to Lillian H. Wilcox, daughter of William R. Wilcox, of Nashua, in 1879, and six children are now growing up in his home; namely, S. May, Wilcox F., Charles D., S. George, H. Wynn, and Albert C., Jr.

In politics Dr. Buswell is a stanch Democrat. Though not seeking official honors, he has served on the local Board of Health and on the Board of Education, and takes an active interest in the progress of town affairs. He is a strong advocate of popular rights, and opposed at all times to monopolies. Believing in the good accomplished by brotherhoods and social organizations, which unite so many members of the human family by the ties of common interest, he belongs to a number of them. He is a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., St. Albans Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, is Past Master of Rockingham Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and has been identified with the order of Knights of Pythias since 1890, being at present Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of New Hampshire. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

JOHN H. FOSTER, of the firm Foster & Rowe, general merchants of Candia, was born in this town, January 18, 1844, son of True and Data C. (Hobbs) Foster. The founder of the family was an English emigrant who settled in Scarboro, Me. Joseph Foster, the paternal grandfather of John H., followed the trade of a carpenter and cabinet-maker in Candia during the active period of his life, and died at the age of seventy-four years. He reared a family of three children, all of whom have passed away.

True Foster, who was a native and lifelong resident of Candia, was also a carpenter, and worked at his trade during his long and active career, attaining a wide reputation as a skilful and reliable mechanic. After living seventy-four years, he died in May, 1869. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious belief he was a Congregationalist. He married for his first wife Sally Clay, of this town, who died leaving no children. His second wife, in maidenhood Data C. Hobbs, became the mother of three children, namely: Abbie, who resides in this town; John H., the subject of this sketch; and Effie, the wife of Albert Preston, of Auburn.

John H. Foster acquired his education in the common and high schools of his native town. After finishing his studies, he learned shoemaking, at which he subsequently worked for about fifteen years. He then abandoned the trade, and became a clerk in the general store formerly carried on by the late W. J. Dudley, with whom he continued for nine years. He was employed in the same capacity by J. A. Lane, of Hampton, during the following two years, at the end of which he returned to Candia, where he resumed his former position with Mr. Dudley. He remained this

time until Mr. Dudley's death, which occurred in 1895. Forming a copartnership with E. L. Rowe, he succeeded to the business of his late employer, which had been established over thirty-eight years. Messrs. Foster & Rowe have had a very flourishing trade from the start. The store is well stocked with general merchandise, including groceries, dry goods, hardware, grain and feed, with other staple and necessary articles for farm and family use. Its customers come from an extensive section of the district.

On December 23, 1866, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Mary S. Godfrey, daughter of Jason Godfrey, of Candia. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have been bereft of the two children born of their union. Politically, Mr. Foster acts with the Republican party. He has served with ability as Town Clerk for two years, was supervisor of the check list for the same length of time, and has for the past year been Assistant Postmaster. He is a Free Will Baptist in his religious belief, and has been a member and a Deacon of that church and the superintendent of its Sunday-school. He is also Clerk and Treasurer of Rockingham Quarterly Meeting.

DAVID SANBORN is well known to the people of Fremont township as the owner of one of the finest farms within its limits, on which he is actively engaged in cultivating the soil. He is a native of this place, his birth having occurred December 31, 1826, on his present estate, then the homestead of his father, Ebenezer Sanborn.

Ebenezer Sanborn was born in Danville, also in Rockingham County, and there lived until after his marriage with Miss Lydia Bean, a native of the same town. He subsequently came to Fremont, here buying a portion of the land now owned by his son David. He cleared and improved a good homestead, and, besides carrying on mixed husbandry, worked at his trades of tanning and shoemaking until his demise, in 1857. His widow spent her last days in Raymond, dying in 1858. Of their family of ten children eight have passed to the other shore; namely, Mary, Daniel, Alvina, Elizabeth, Amos, Ebenezer, Jr., Calista M., and Lydia. The two now living are: Elijah, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; and David.

David Sanborn obtained a practical education in the public schools. Being the youngest son of the household, it fell to his share to assist in the work of the farm; and, as his parents began to feel the infirmities of age, he assumed the management of the property, and also looked after their welfare, caring for them in their declining years. After their death he bought out the interest of the remaining heirs, and has since been prosperously engaged in general agriculture. Besides cultivating and improving the original homestead, he has added to his estate other land, till he is now the owner of four hundred acres. Mr. Sanborn's farm is among the largest in this vicinity, and, with its substantial and convenient dwelling and farm buildings, its well-tilled fields and its fine equipments, reflects great credit on him, and is an ornament to the town.

In September, 1862, Mr. Sanborn enlisted in his country's defence, joining Company K, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Kingman, Lieutenant Colonel Henry W. Blair, and Captain Hall. With his comrades he was an active participant in the siege of Port Hudson, as well as in other engagements of less importance, serving until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when, in 1863, he was honorably discharged at Concord, this State. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, faithful to the interests of his party, and has filled various town offices, including that of Selectman, with fidelity. In 1869 and 1870 Mr. Sanborn represented his district in the State legislature, and in the discharge of his duties was never unmindful of the welfare of his constituents.

JOHN P. LAMPREY, proprietor of Pine Grove Farm, a fine estate of one hundred acres in the town of Kensington, N.H., was born in Washington County, Maine, May 28, 1826, son of Gilman and Esther (Leavitt) Lamprey. The land which he occupies has been in the family

since 1732, his ancestor, Henry Lamprey, having pre-empted it at that time. It was then a part of the primeval wilderness, and was a favorite spot with the Indians; and relics of the departed race are still found from time to time.

Samuel Lamprey, the father of Gilman, was born on the Lamprey farm in 1762, son of Samuel Lamprey, first, who also was one of the pioneers of Kensington; and Gilman, father of John P., was born here in 1795. Gilman Lamprey was in trade as a merchant in Eastport, Me., in his early manhood; and in 1843 he retired to his farm in Kensington, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the influential citizens of the town, a Democrat in politics, and served for some time as Selectman. In religious belief he was a Universalist. He died in 1850. His wife was born in Eastport, Me., in 1794, and died in Kensington in 1870. She was the mother of five children -- Gilman, Samuel, Sarah J., Esther E., and John P., the last named being the only one living to-day. Mrs. Esther Leavitt Lamprey's father, Jonathan Leavitt, was born in Hampton Falls, N.H., in 1756. He went to Maine in early life, and was an important factor in the first settlement of Eastport, better known then as Passamaquoddy. He served as Captain in the Revolutionary War. He died January 25, 1810. A grandson, General S. D. Leavitt, now residing in the city of Eastport, is one of its most prominent citizens, has been twice elected to the State legislature, was Collector of Customs under President Cleveland, and subsequently Mayor of the city.

John P. Lamprey was fifteen years of age when his parents removed to Kensington. The greater part of his education was acquired in Eastport, Me. He has now been living on the homestead upward of fifty-four years, and has been engaged during the greater part of that time in the pursuit of agriculture. The Lamprey farm, which originally covered three hundred acres of land, now comprises one hundred acres of good farming ground, and is beautifully situated. The residence is roomy and substantial, furnished in excellent taste; and a limited number of guests of the highest respectability find quiet recreation at Pine Grove Farm every summer, renewing their strength amid its pleasant surroundings.

Mr. Lamprey was married September 7, 1854, to Mary L., daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Neal) Cobb. She was born in Limington, Me., in 1827. Mr. Cobb was born in Limington, March 11, 1785, but spent most of his active life in Bartlett, N.H. He was an active and energetic man, a good farmer, and a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in Bartlett, December 8, 1854. Mrs. Cobb, who was a native of Rhode Island, was born August 16, 1793, and died August 25, 1882. She was the mother of eleven children. As an artist Mrs. Lamprey has received a number of diplomas from different societies, and she has decorated her dwelling with paintings and sketches of a high order of merit. Her artistic taste also appears in the other furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. Lamprey had one child, Gilman, who was born September 7, 1856, and died in January, 1895.

Mr. Lamprey is a Democrat, and has served as Selectman of Kensington. On the subject of religion he holds liberal views. His wife is a member of the Congregational church. As old residents of the town of Kensington Mr. and Mrs. Lamprey are widely known and esteemed, and whoever has spent a summer at Pine Grove Farm looks back to the time with feelings of unmixed pleasure.

ARTHUR W. DUDLEY, a successful agriculturist of Brentwood township and one of the most prominent and popular citizens of this part of the county, was born July 22, 1846, on the farm where he now resides. He comes of distinguished New England ancestry, being the lineal descendant of Governor Thomas Dudley, of Massachusetts. His grandfather, John S. Dudley, was a lifelong resident of Brentwood, and here reared his family of children, which included Winthrop H. Dudley, the father of Arthur W.

Winthrop H. Dudley, who followed the example of his ancestors by making general farming his principal occupation, is now residing with his son Arthur on the old home

farm. He succeeded to the property, and, except when travelling, has resided on it continuously since. During the late Civil War he was employed by the United States government to procure for the army a certain amount of hay, which he bought principally in New York State and Canada. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and for five years faithfully and ably served as County Treasurer. In 1844 he married Mary F. Robinson, a native of Brentwood, who died in 1867, leaving two children — Arthur W. and Sophia C. The latter now lives in North Carolina.

Arthur W. Dudley completed his early education at the Pinkerton Academy in Derry, from which he graduated with the class of 1863. He then entered Dartmouth College, and subsequently graduated in the class of 1867. After leaving Dartmouth he studied civil engineering, in which he has been engaged much of the time since. Some of his first important work in this business was performed for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, in whose employment he spent about a year. He was subsequently engaged by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company for a year and a half, having his headquarters at Bridgeport, Conn. Returning then to the family homestead, Mr. Dudley conducted the farm for some time. In 1880 he went to Florida, where for the following six years he was employed by the Jacksonville, Tampa & Key West Railroad Company as chief engineer and superintendent of construction. Since that time he has lived on the home farm, which he is managing with good success. It contains two hundred acres of fertile land, and yields large crops of hay, corn, and potatoes each year. Mr. Dudley is away from home a good deal still, employed in his profession. He takes a warm interest in local and county affairs, and is now serving as Representative to the State legislature from Brentwood, having been elected thereto in 1894 on the Republican ticket. While looking closely after the interests of his town, he renders good service to the Commonwealth as Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Canals. He has been a member of the Town School Committee, for some years was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1889. He is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having been a member of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 59, of Exeter, for the past twenty-four years. He likewise belongs to the Keenborough Grange, No. 172, of Brentwood, of which he was the first Master, being at the present time Lecturer in the organization.

On August 20, 1872, Mr. Dudley married Miss Mary I. Lampiey, of Laconia, N.H. She died August 22, 1880, leaving three children, namely: Fred L., a graduate of Philips Exeter Academy, who lives in Exeter; Mary F. and John H., both of whom are in school. On January 18, 1881, Mr. Dudley was again married, taking for his wife Miss Clara F. Hook. Mrs. Dudley was born February 22, 1862, in Brentwood, a daughter of Wilson G. Hook, of this town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dudley attend the Congregational Church of Brentwood.

AUGUSTUS D. LYFORD, the representative of one of the earliest families to settle in Rockingham County, was born December 3, 1830, in Brentwood township, where he has always lived. His father, the late Joshua S. Lyford, was a farmer and a well-known citizen. He spent his entire life in this township, being engaged the larger portion of his time in general farming. He married Lydia L. Sanborn, a native of Hampton township, by whom he had eight children, as follows: Maria L., living in Kingston; John A., in California; Woodbridge S., living in Lawrence, Mass.; Augustus D., the subject of this sketch; Bambridge V. B., who died in 1892; Loren D., of Kingston township; Joshua S., who died in infancy; and Joshua E. G., likewise a resident of Kingston township.

Augustus D. Lyford acquired his education in the district schools, and on the home farm received practical instruction in farming, which he subsequently selected as his life occupation. After the death of his parents he took charge of the old homestead, which he now owns and occupies. The estate contains sixty acres of land, which he manages success-

fully and profitably, raising hay, corn, and potatoes as his chief crops. By dint of persevering industry, shrewd forethought, and judicious management Mr. Lyford has steadily climbed the ladder of success, and now occupies a high position among the self-made men of this county. He has served his fellow-townsmen in various local offices, and in politics has always given his undivided support to the Democratic party. In religion he is a Congregationalist, being an esteemed member of the church of that denomination in Brentwood.

On July 4, 1862, Mr. Lyford married Julia A. Davis, who was born in Kingston township, a daughter of Moses Davis, of that place, a well-known farmer. She passed to the life immortal December 5, 1885, leaving five children, of whom the following is the record: Mary Isabelle, widow of the late Charles Day, lives in Kingston, N.H.; George A., who owns a farm near the parental homestead, is a carpenter and builder by trade, his time being wholly devoted to that business, and he married Lydia A. Goodwin, of Kingston; Francis S., who lives on the home farm, married Miss Carrie E. Holbrook, of Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Eddie P., living in Exeter, N.H., is a machinist by trade; and Ella Gertrude is the wife of Jesse Gray, of South New Market, N.H.

AVERY M. FOSTER, M.D., a graduate of Bowdoin College and a successful physician and surgeon of Candia, was born in Gray, Me., April 11, 1851, son of Moses B. and Eliza A. (Benson) Foster. The family is of Scotch extraction. Dr. Foster's great-grandfather, Isaac Foster (first), a native of Braintree, Mass., served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, and afterward settled in Gray, Me. Isaac Foster (second), Dr. Foster's grandfather, was born in Gray, of which town he was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident. He lived to the age of eighty-four years, and reared a family of three children, none of whom are living.

Moses B. Foster, who was a native of Gray, in young manhood learned the shoemaker's trade, and thereafter followed it throughout his active period. He was an industrious man, and had the esteem and good will of his fellow-townsmen. He used his vote, however, in a manner which he considered most beneficial to the community, and retained a deep interest in political affairs, and always voted with the purpose of serving the community. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Eliza, a native of Gray, was a daughter of George Benson, formerly a well-known blacksmith of that town. Mr. Benson removed from Bar Harbor, Me., to Gray, where he lived to be nearly eighty years old, and reared a large family of children. Dr. Foster's maternal grandmother was a Humphrey, whose family trace their ancestry to John Alden, the "Mayflower" Pilgrim. The Doctor has in his possession an antique mug, which is alleged to have been brought over on the "Mayflower." Moses B. Foster and his wife reared seven of their eight children, six of whom are living. These are: Caleb, who is a preacher in Brunswick, Me.; Samuel H., a machinist of the same town; Emma A., the wife of Elisha Thompson, of Gray; Hannah, the wife of Thomas J. Gould, of Lisbon, Me.; Avery M., the subject of this sketch; and Eliza E., the wife of John B. Clark, of Bradford, Me. Sarah J. died in 1888, aged twenty-eight years; and Nelson F., the third-born, died when two months old.

Avery M. Foster, M.D., acquired his early education in the schools of Gray and at Nichols's Latin School. He afterward graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1875. Entering upon the practice of his profession, he opened an office in Lincolnville, Me., where he remained some sixteen months. From there he went to Belmont, Me., remaining six years. He then practised successively in Guilford, Abbot, and Lewiston, making a stay in the last-named city of about two years. For the past eight years he has been located in Candia. Since entering his professional career he has given several notable demonstrations of his skill as a surgeon, having successfully performed some difficult operations, including a number of amputations. Recently he removed a cancer from the lip of a person over eighty-six years old,

and the patient is now rapidly recovering. He is well and favorably known in this section as a reliable physician and surgeon, who can be depended upon to exercise the greatest care and skill in the treatment of all cases intrusted to his charge; and his practice extends over a radius of ten miles.

In December, 1876, Dr. Foster was united in marriage to Mary Drinkwater, of Lincolnville, Me. Of his children by this union the only survivor is Myra I., now attending school in this town. On April 29, 1896, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Susan A. Cate, daughter of J. P. Cate, of Candia. In politics Dr. Foster is a Democrat. While residing in Belmont, Me., he was for two years Supervisor of Schools. He is highly esteemed socially, and attends the Congregational church.

JAMES G. STONE, of North Londonderry, N.H., one of the rapidly decreasing list of surviving veterans of the Civil War, in which he fought gallantly for the Union, and one who, since the return of peace, has continued to hold the respect and confidence of his townsmen, was born May 20, 1844, in Lancaster, N.H. That town was also the birthplace of his parents, Samuel and Deborah V. (Stalbird) Stone.

Among the early colonists of New England were several of English birth bearing this surname, as the Rev. Samuel Stone, of Hartford, Conn., Deacon Gregory Stone, of Cambridge, Mass., and his brother Simon, of Watertown. An early ancestor of Mr. James G. Stone settled in Portsmouth, N.H., whence he subsequently removed to Lancaster in this State, which has been the birthplace of the succeeding generations of his branch of the family. Samuel Stone, the great-grandfather of James G., served in the Revolutionary War.

Samuel Stone, second, his grandson, the father of James G., was a carpenter and joiner by trade. He assisted in building the old Central Bridge across the Merrimac River, joining the city of Lowell with Dracut. He was considered a skilled workman, and was several times employed by the late General B. F. Butler. He moved to Lowell, Mass., with his family in 1847, and resided there until his death on December 29, 1861. His wife died in Virginia, Mo., on May 20, 1883; and in 1884 Mr. James G. Stone made a trip to that place, and had her remains taken to Lowell, Mass., to rest in a grave beside his father's. Of the children of Samuel and Deborah V. Stone the following are living: Frances M., wife of Gilman Veasey, of Sumner County, Kansas; Caroline A., wife of Lorenzo Bateman; Eunice, wife of Henry Quimby, of Bloomington, Ill; George N., a Captain in the Civil War, and now Vice-President of the Bell Telephone Company and General Manager of the company in Ohio, residing in Cincinnati (it was he who reared the famous Maud S. after she was six months old); James G.; and Samuel H., in Ogle County, Illinois.

At three years of age James G. Stone moved with his parents to Lowell, Mass. He was a regular attendant of the public schools until twelve years old; but between the ages of twelve and fifteen years, when his school days closed, his opportunties for attending school were mostly limited to the winter season. Whenever an opportunity did present, however, he made the most of it, and all his life has kept himself well informed through reading good books and papers. At twelve years old he was thrown on his own resources; and, leaving his home, he lived during the following summer with W. C. Harris, of Windham, N.H. The succeeding winter was spent in the home of Archibald Varnum, of Dracut, Mass., where he attended school, and did such chores as he was able. The next summer he returned to Rockingham County, and worked for a short time for Deacon Samuel Dinsmore, of Auburn, and subsequently in Windham, where he was apprenticed at the shoemaker's trade to M. B. Kimball, by whom he was afterward employed as a journeyman, and for about three years was a member of Mr. Kimball's family.

He continued to work at shoemaking in Windham until October 7, 1861, at which time he enlisted in Company K, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and during the greater part of his service was in the Ninth

Army Corps under General Gilmore. He participated in the siege of Charleston. He also took part in three different charges on Fort Wagner, and was engaged in a number of skirmishes with the guerillas in Florida. On the morning of October 1, 1863, while he was riding as an Orderly, his right ankle was shattered by a piece of shell, the wound being so serious that he was obliged to undergo an amputation. The time between that and April, 1864, when he was honorably discharged, was spent in several different hospitals. On his return to Windham he resumed his former occupation of a shoemaker. In 1867 he came to Londonderry; and, with the exception of a brief time spent in Haverhill, Mass., this town has since been his home. For about eighteen years he was a shoe-cutter in different factories; but in 1888 he retired from that line of work, and has since lived practically in retirement. He is a man of genial hospitality, and an entertaining conversationalist, being well informed on the leading topics of the day.

Mr. Stone was married in Manchester, N.H., to Miss Elizabeth B. Hicks, who is a native of Derby, Vt., but whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Hicks, were both born in England. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Stone has been blessed by the birth of one daughter, Anna M. She is now the wife of John E. Ray and mother of one son, J. Harold. Mr. Ray is a well-known meat and provision dealer of Londonderry.

Mr. Stone has been called to fill positions of honor and trust. He served as Clerk of Londonderry one term, as Supervisor of the check list of the town for about three years, for many years was Justice of the Peace in Rockingham County, and now holds the office of Quorum Justice for the State of New Hampshire. Fraternally, he is an honored member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., of Derry; Mizpah Lodge, No. 151, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Haverhill, Mass.; and the Londonderry Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was Master one year, and was elected for the second year, but declined to serve. He was formerly a member of the Wesley B. Knight Post, No. 41, Grand Army of the Republic, which he served one year as Commander, and was its first Quartermaster, holding the office for three years.

NATHANIEL BURLEIGH GLIDDEN, a progressive farmer of Brentwood, was born, December 10, 1836, at Tuftonboro, Carroll County. His father, William Glidden, was also born in Tuftonboro; while his mother, Drusilla Pendexter, was a native of South New Market, this county. The father was a mechanic, and worked many years in Dover, N.H., where his death occurred January 10, 1842. The mother died five years later, leaving two sons — William H. and Nathaniel B.

Nathaniel B. Glidden was left an orphan at the age of eleven years. Of the following five years four were spent in Wolfboro, Carroll County, living with James B. Young. He subsequently worked in different towns of the State, among them being Strafford, Dover, Barrington, and South New Market. In 1877 he settled in Brentwood, bought land near the county farm, and engaged in farming. After two years he sold out, and purchased his present farm. Here he has one hundred and thirty acres, on which he carries on general farming. He keeps a fine dairy of twelve cows, whose milk he ships to Boston. Mr. Glidden is a self-made man in every sense, having worked his way step by step to his present condition of affluence. In politics he is a steadfast Democrat, uniformly casting his vote for that party's ticket. He is likewise a member of the local grange.

Mr. Glidden has been twice married. His marriage with Hannah F. Hall, a native of Strafford, was performed in Dover, October 28, 1856. She died June 1, 1873, leaving three children, as follows: George B., who married Miss May Brown, and now lives in Pawtucket, R.I.; Mary L., who is the wife of George W. Gould, of Newton Junction, this county; and Annie C., who is wife of Fred Pingree, and resides in Charlestown, Mass. On January 8, 1874, Mr. Glidden was again married, Miss Emma E. Davis becoming his wife. She is a native of Dover, born in April, 1838, daughter of William Davis.

Her father is a mechanic, now eighty-five years of age, living in Dover. Her mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Frances Libbey, died in September, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Glidden are the parents of one child, Nellie E., who lives at home. Mrs. Glidden is a consistent and valued member of the Baptist church.

CHARLES EDWARD HODGDON is an enterprising citizen of Portsmouth, who takes a prominent part in civic affairs, and as an ice dealer carries on a large and prosperous business. He was born on October 27, 1848, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Frye) Hodgdon, his birthplace being the farm which he now owns and occupies.

Mr. Hodgdon comes of a race of sturdy and prosperous farmers, at least three generations of whom were born in Newington, N.H. His great-great-grandfather on the paternal side, a prosperous farmer, was, so far as known, a lifelong resident of that town. He married a Miss Hoyt; and of this union was born Benjamin Hodgdon, Sr., the next in line of descent. This gentleman added to his agricultural labors the work of carpentry. He spent his life in Newington, and married a Miss Coleman, of that place. Their son Ephraim, the grandfather of Charles E. Hodgdon, was of a more adventurous spirit than his predecessors, and moved from place to place, though always following the pursuit of agriculture as a means of earning a livelihood. He spent the latter part of his life in Portsmouth. His wife was a Newington girl, named Abigail Thomas.

Benjamin Hodgdon, son of Ephraim, was born in Newington, but passed much of his boyhood in Portsmouth. After his marriage he purchased a farm on the west side of Woodbury Avenue, a place at that time well adapted to agricultural purposes, but now included within the city limits. There he passed his life, and died in his ninetieth year. His wife, Hannah Frye, a native of Portsmouth, daughter of Isaac Frye, attained the age of seventy-six years. Her mother's maiden name was Rebecca Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hodgdon reared four children — Lizzie H., Lydia F., Henry C., and Charles Edward. Henry C. enlisted in 1861 in Company K, Thirteenth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and died in the service when only eighteen years of age.

Charles Edward Hodgdon, the subject of this sketch, was educated in Portsmouth, where for some time he was a student at the Woodbury School. In early boyhood he took an active part in the farm work, and his practical knowledge of agriculture grew with his growth. He succeeded his father as owner of the homestead, and has for years been engaged in general farming, displaying much enterprise and ingenuity in his methods of raising crops. As a dairyman also he has been very successful, and now has a fine herd of registered Jerseys. At the age of nineteen he started in the ice business, beginning in a small way; and his trade increased from year to year, so that he now has houses with a capacity of twenty-five hundred tons. The ice is of a fine quality, coming from a pond fed by springs, which is drained in the summer season, the ground being cultivated to keep the bed of the pond free from weeds and grass.

January 4, 1876, Mr. Hodgdon was married to Martha Jane Locke, a native of Rye, N.H., who died in 1879; and on November 30, 1882, he was married to Lillie Robertson, who was born in Northfield, N.H., daughter of Lewis and Lizzie (Carter) Robertson. By his second marriage he has three children — Cora E., Mildred, and Winifred.

In politics Mr. Hodgdon is a Republican, taking an active interest in the welfare of his native city. He was elected Alderman in 1895. In social matters he is interested also, and belongs to prominent organizations, including Osgood Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 48, of which he has been Trustee for ten years, Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Canton Senter, No. 12, R. M., and Union Rebecca Lodge, No. 3, of which his wife also is a member. He attends the Baptist church, while his wife belongs to the Methodist.

A picture of unusual interest here meets the eye of the reader — a family group made clear by the following description: —



CHARLES E. HODGDON, WIFE, AND DAUGHTERS.

July 21, 1896.

"Alderman Hodgdon is the central figure, with four-year-old baby Winifred on his knee. She wears a yellow chrysanthemum, and he a blue and white Sons of the Revolution button.

"Mrs. Lillie Robertson Hodgdon stands on the left, wearing the silver cross of the King's Daughters and a bit of mignonette. She has an ancestor on the maternal side that entitles her to join a society of Daughters of the Revolution. Cora Elouise stands beside her mother, and wears a spray of the same fragrant blossoms. Twelve years she has been a help to her parents. Mildred, the 'mascot,' is the author of many wise and droll ideas and sayings. She has brought luck to the household in many ways since her coming, eight years ago. A bright nasturtium and feathery green foliage nestle on her shoulder in the folds of lace. All together, the picture portrays a happy family."

FRANK P. BROWN is a successful and prominent business man of East Candia, N.H., his native place. He was born on August 2, 1852, only son of Jeremiah and Caroline (Cass) Brown.

Earlier generations had their home in the old town of Candia, of which James L. Brown, grandfather of Frank P., was a native. He was a carpenter by trade, following this occupation during the entire active period of his life, earning his bread by honest industry and faithful effort. He married Sally Griffin, of Candia, and had ten children. Only five of this large family are now living, namely: Charles C., in Candia; Joseph L., a resident of Raymond; Hannah, the wife of P. M. Towle, of Candia; John K. Brown, of Manchester, N.H.; and Jeremiah Brown, of Candia, N.H.

Jeremiah Brown, one of the ten children of James L., was born in the month of March, 1826, in the town of Candia, where the family seems to be deep-rooted in New Hampshire soil. In his early life he was a shoemaker, and sat at his bench in this capacity for thirty years. Since his son Frank has been a merchant, however, he has been associated with him in the store. Mr. Jeremiah Brown's first wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Cass, and who has been mentioned as the mother of the subject of the present sketch, died on April 5, 1855. By his second wife, Eliza J. Currier, whom he married September 25, 1855, he had one child — Ared A., who died in 1873, aged seven years.

Frank P. Brown received a good common-school education in the public schools of East Candia and the high school of Raymond, N.H., and, when a young man, was employed as book-keeper and clerk in the depot village store. In 1873 he formed a partnership with L. H. Dearborn, which was continued for a few months. The latter's interest was then purchased by Mr. Brown, who continued alone the business for which he seemed to have a natural talent; and in an incredibly short time his trade had so increased that it was necessary to enlarge his storehouse. In 1885 he was appointed Postmaster at the depot village; and he at once opened a store there, not neglecting the East Candia establishment. About two years later he disposed of the depot store, and he has since given his concentrated energies to the East Candia venture.

In the year 1873 he was married to Miss Rosa M. Lakin, of Sanbornton. Three children were born to bless this marriage — Fred A., who is with his father in business; and Conna G. and Lena R., both at school in Derry.

During the years of 1879 and 1880 Frank P. Brown served as a Representative in the legislature. He was a Selectman in 1878 and 1879, and held the office of Town Treasurer in 1892. He is a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, and belongs to Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond, having passed the various chairs of the latter organization. His allegiance is pledged to the Democratic party; and, as a man of growing influence, his political support is of value. Mr. Brown attends the Methodist church.

JOSEPH B. T. GRAVES, a well-to-do farmer residing in Brentwood, was born here, September 4, 1819, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Thyng) Graves. He comes of an old pioneer family of Rockingham County. His grandfather, William Graves,

came to Brentwood in the early days, and here reared his family. His son Joseph, a native of the town, spent his entire life here, chiefly occupied in farming. Being a well-informed man, with a good deal of business ability, Joseph transacted much probate business for his neighbors. His death occurred at the age of seventy-one years. He married Rebecca Thyng, also a native of Brentwood, who, having outlived him, passed away January 4, 1864. They had four children — Lyford F., William, Joseph B. T., and Dorothy A. Of these Joseph B. T. is the only one now living.

Joseph B. T. Graves is one of the oldest of the residents who are natives of the town. He received a good education, which was completed in Lowell, Mass. He subsequently resided at the homestead until his marriage. Soon after that event he assumed its management, finally succeeding to its ownership. It contains one hundred acres of land. He has made improvements of a substantial character. The residence and out-buildings are neat and convenient. He and his wife, though quite aged, still carry on farming with the assistance of hired men. Mr. Graves also raises some stock, and keeps a small dairy, selling the milk. He has been a zealous advocate of Republican principles, and has served his townsmen in nearly every office within their gift. He was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for one term, was Town Clerk eighteen years, and in 1885 represented his district in the State legislature. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church, although neither is connected by membership with any religious organization.

Mr. Graves was married December 29, 1842, to Harriet M., daughter of Asa and Grace (Stewart) Wood, both lifelong residents of Brentwood, where Mr. Wood was engaged as a merchant for many years. Mrs. Graves was born in this town, June 20, 1819, and has here spent her long and useful life. She is the mother of three sons — John W., Rufus E., and Eugene E. John W. married Miss Emma Morrill, and lives in Haverhill, Mass. Rufus E. is the proprietor of a restaurant in Newfield, N.H. Eugene E., who married Miss Louise Pollard, is also a resident of Haverhill.

CHARLES H. DAY, proprietor of one of the best farms in the town of Derry, N.H., with a homestead that makes such a pretty rural picture that it attracts the attention and wins the admiration of the passer-by, was born in Derry, April 28, 1842, son of Daniel J. and Harriet N. (Calef) Day. The branch of the Day family to which he belongs came originally from Bradford, Mass. The father of Daniel J., Little Day, who was an early settler in Derry, lived on a farm about a mile from his grandson's present residence. Daniel J. Day was a lifelong resident of Derry. He obtained his education in the district school, and, like most of the boys in his neighborhood, was trained to habits of industry on the home farm. Of an active and ambitious temperament, he learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, and worked at it for a number of years, at the same time managing a farm; and, his trade making it necessary for him to select and buy lumber, he became gradually interested in the lumber trade, and eventually managed a large business as a lumberman. He cast his first vote with the Whigs, and was afterward a member of the Republican party. Mr. Daniel J. Day took an active interest in religious matters, and was for some time Deacon of the First Church in East Derry. He was gifted with a strong constitution, and lived to be nearly eighty years old, passing away in January, 1878. His wife, Mrs. Harriet N. Day, who was a native of Hampstead, this county, died in 1896.

Charles H. Day is the only surviving child of his parents. He received a good education in his early years, attending the public schools of Derry, and Atkinson and Pinkerton Academies. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits since boyhood, and his success as a farmer is such that he is regarded as an authority on matters pertaining to the cultivation of the soil and stock raising. He has been connected with Nutfield Grange, No. 37, Patrons of Husbandry, headquarters at East Derry, for nineteen years, and is now serving his second term as Master of the Grange.

November 24, 1864, Mr. Day was married to Martha Sanborn, daughter of William and Mary (Greenleaf) Sanborn. She was born in

Hampstead, this county. Her parents were natives of Chichester, Hillsborough County; and her father's father, Jeremiah Sanborn, resided in that town for a number of years. William Sanborn was a resident of Hampstead for more than half a century, and died there in 1893, over eighty years of age. His first wife, Mrs. Day's mother, died when her daughter Martha was three years old. Two of the children of his second marriage are living; namely, James W. and John C. Sanborn, both in Hampstead. The three children who have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Day are Lucy E. (deceased), Mary H., and John W. The latter is a student at Pinkerton Academy. Miss Mary H. Day, who is a graduate of Pinkerton Academy and of the Bridgewater (Mass.) Normal School, is teaching in Quincy, Mass.

Mr. Day votes the Republican ticket. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Echo Lodge, No. 61, at Derry Depot. Mrs. Day is a member of the First Church at East Derry. Both are highly esteemed in the town where they have lived together for over thirty years, and reared their children to promising maturity.

JEREMIAH BENFIELD, a general farmer and merchant of Fremont, has been the architect of his own fortunes, having by study, diligence, and business tact won his way from a condition of poverty to one of comparative affluence. He was born August 4, 1821, in County Oxford, England, son of Job and Mary (Berry) Benfield. His parents had nine other children, of whom the only survivor is Maria, who lives in County Durham, England.

Jeremiah Benfield, having left his native land on March 5, 1850, arrived in Boston with scarce a penny to his name. He spent his first night on board the ship that had brought him over the ocean, and then proceeded to Dover, N.H., where he worked at anything he could find to do. He finally began peddling linen and table covers, carrying a pack for about four months. Desirous of becoming master of some trade whereby he might earn his livelihood, he then gave his time to learn shoemaking, at which he afterward worked in Chester, N.H., for ten years. In November, 1861, he removed to his present home in Fremont, and here worked at shoemaking for a short time. He then opened a store of general merchandise, which he has since successfully conducted. He is now doing a very profitable business. He also carries on general farming, having sixty acres of land, on which he has made many improvements. Mr. Benfield is mainly self-educated, his only schooling having been obtained at the evening schools. His religious faith is that of the Church of England.

In July, 1851, Mr. Benfield was united in matrimony with Miss Mary J. Wilcomb at Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Benfield was born in Chester, daughter of Ebenezer Wilcomb, a cooper of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Benfield have had a family of nine children, three of whom died at an early age. The others are: Arthur E., who is a teamster for a wholesale firm, and lives in Peabody, Mass.; Albert J., who keeps a boarding-house in Boston, Mass.; Mary Belle, who is the wife of George Pollard, of Raymond, N.H.; Manson, who works in a paper box factory in Boston; Wilcomb Hoyt, who is a resident of Fremont township; and Amon O., who is a clerk in a store at Portsmouth, N.H.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. DWIGHT, a retired sea captain, is one of the oldest native-born citizens now residing in Portsmouth. He is a lineal descendant of John Dwight, a native of England, who came to America in 1635, and was one of the first settlers of Dedham, Mass. He was a man of large means, and was prominent in public affairs. His wife Hannah and three sons came with him to this country. The line of descent from John Dwight is continued, through John (second), Timothy, Nathaniel, Nathaniel (second), and Elijah, to Dr. Jacob Dwight, who was the father of our subject.

Dr. Jacob Dwight was born in Belchertown, Mass., in 1775. He graduated from Yale in 1794, at the age of nineteen, and in 1799 received his medical diploma. He then came to Portsmouth, and was engaged in practice

here over fifty years. He died in 1855. His wife, Susannah Thompson by maiden name, was born in Portsmouth, and was a daughter of Captain Thomas Thompson, who was a Captain in the navy during the Revolutionary War. Captain Dwight now has in his possession his grandfather's commission, signed by John Hancock. Mrs. Jacob Dwight died in 1843. She reared three children — William L., Martha S., and Ann B.

William L. Dwight commenced the life of a sailor at the age of seventeen, and in 1833 became commander of a vessel. While in the merchant marine service he visited various ports in Europe, and followed the sea until 1852, in which year he retired, and has since resided in his pleasant home on Middle Street in this city.

Captain Dwight was married in 1841 to Adeline Rice, who was born in Portsmouth in 1811, daughter of Captain William and Abigail (Parker) Rice. She died in 1895. Captain Dwight has one daughter — Susan Thompson, widow of Captain Arthur Yates, United States Navy; and she is the mother of two daughters — Adelle Austin and May Lansing.

MOSES P. FRENCH, formerly an extensive farmer and prominent citizen of Kingston, N.H., was born in this town, November 30, 1795. He was a son of John and Nancy (Peaslee) French and great-grandson of Simon French, who came from Salisbury, Mass., to Kingston at an early epoch in the town's history, and settled upon the farm which has since remained in possession of his descendants. David French, son of Simon, was in early manhood a Congregational preacher; but failing health caused him to retire from the pulpit, and the rest of his life was spent in carrying on the homestead farm in Kingston.

John French, son of the Rev. David and father of the late Moses P. French, was a native and a lifelong resident of Kingston; and, succeeding to the ownership of the farm, he conducted the property with ability until his death, which took place January 31, 1843. His wife, who was before marriage Nancy Peaslee, and was a native of Newton, N.H., became the mother of three children, all of whom have passed away. They were as follows: Moses P., the subject of this sketch; Anna, who was born in 1799, and was the wife of the late David Dudley; and Lavinia, who was born in 1801, married T. Sanborn, formerly of Kingston, and later of Sutton, N.H., where he died. Mrs. Nancy P. French died April 28, 1851.

Moses P. French acquired a good education, and for a number of years he was engaged in teaching school. After his father's death he settled upon the home farm, which he conducted with a vigorous and progressive policy, utilizing every opportunity for advancement; and he accumulated a good estate. Being a man whose intellectual faculties were exceedingly well developed, he was well informed upon all current issues of his day; and for many years he was prominently identified with local public affairs. He collected a valuable library, which was the source of much enjoyment to him in his leisure moments. He was, however, extremely devoted to his farm and business affairs, always superintending every detail in the management of his estate; and his close attention to business continued unabated until his death, which took place July 31, 1871.

In 1824 Mr. French wedded Mary E. Smith, who was born in East Kingston, December 29, 1798, daughter of Robert and Hannah (Currier) Smith. Mrs. French was a descendant of the famous old Duston family of Colonial times, a relic of which, in the shape of an antique silver spoon, is still in the possession of her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. French were the parents of eight children, namely: Robert Smith, who died at the age of twenty-six; John Peaslee, who died in 1889; Hannah Maria, who was born October 25, 1829, and is now a retired public school teacher; Moses Jackson, who married Alcina Clark, and resides in Kingston village; Arianna E., who died in 1880; Mary A., a successful teacher, who died in 1879; Annie Lavinia, who was born February 7, 1838, and is also a retired teacher; and Ellen Josephine, who was born April 17, 1842, and resides with her sisters. Mrs. French, who was in her early womanhood a

school teacher, and who was a lady of high intellectual attainments for her day and generation, died April 4, 1876. Some of the children were graduated at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary at Tilton, N.H.; and the others were educated at the academy in Kingston. The daughters are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church, with which their parents were united; and they take an active part in church work.

After the death of Mr. French the farm was carried on by one of his sons for a time, and then the larger part of the farm was sold to other parties.

JOSEPH T. SMITH, of Brentwood, who is widely known throughout this part of New England as a successful floriculturist and agriculturist, was born May 4, 1821, on the homestead where he now resides, son of Nathan and Sallie (Tuttle) Smith, respectively natives of Brentwood and Lee, Strafford County. Nathan Smith in his younger days taught school in every district of Raymond, N.H. He subsequently engaged in farming in this town, where he resided until his death, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, who died when thirty-six years old, bore him two children, namely: Joseph T., the subject of this sketch; and Sallie, now the wife of Asa A. Wood, of Wood's Corner, this county.

Joseph T. Smith grew to manhood on the parental homestead, receiving an academical education. On the death of his father, which occurred about the time he came of age, he assumed the management of the farm. The estate contains one hundred acres of well-improved land, mostly in a high state of cultivation. Besides carrying on general agriculture he raises seeds, plants, bulbs, and the other productions dealt in by the modern florist, which is at the present time his principal occupation. He has one of the largest hothouses in Rockingham County. He has a large trade, selling his seeds and plants in all parts of New England. A specialty is made of tomato plants, of which he disposes between fifty and sixty thousand annually. In his general farming his principal crops are hay, corn, and potatoes, with which he is quite successful. At one time he manufactured boots and shoes, and did a large business in that line.

Mr. Smith married Miss Grace H. Wood, December 20, 1842, on the old homestead, where they still live. Mrs. Smith was born October 20, 1817, in this town, a daughter of Asa and Grace (Stewart) Wood. Of the three children born of their happy union, Leroy, the first-born, died in 1874. The others are: Arthur B. and Walter S. Arthur B., who now lives in Haverhill, Mass., married Miss Ida Elliott, of Manchester, N.H.; and Walter S. married Miss Emma Marshall, and they now reside in Malden, Mass. In politics Mr. Smith is an earnest advocate of Republican principles. He takes a lively interest in local affairs, promoting on all occasions the welfare of the town and county. He has served satisfactorily as Selectman for a number of years; and for two terms he was Representative to the State legislature from this town.

JOSEPH L. DAY, a leading member of the farming community of Londonderry, N.H., was born in Melrose, Mass., January 9, 1831. His parents were Benjamin and Frances (Vinton) Day, the former a native of Gloucester, Mass., the latter of Charlestown. On both sides of the family he comes of sturdy New England stock. His grandfather Day was one of the crew of an American privateer during the War of 1812, which was captured by a British cruiser; and as a prisoner of war he was confined for some time, being finally exchanged.

Benjamin Day, Joseph L. Day's father, was a shoemaker, and devoted much of his time to the work of his trade. He died in Wakefield, Mass. Of his children the following survive: Joseph L.; Lucy, Mrs. Taylor, a widow living in Wakefield, Mass.; Loring, in the same town; Caroline, wife of Elbridge Larrabee, in Salem, N.H.; Gustanza, wife of George Lord, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Martha, Mrs. Nichols, a widow residing in Wakefield, Mass.; Benjamin, also in Wakefield; and Mary E., wife of Henry Fisher, of Boston.

Joseph L. Day, the subject of this sketch, received a good education, attending the common schools of his native town and an academy. He was reared on a farm in Melrose, Mass. This town, which is one of the prettiest places within a radius of ten miles of Boston, is now largely residential, closely built up with the homes of prosperous business men, whose offices are in Boston; but in Mr. Day's boyhood it was a place of fertile farms, broad stretches of loamy meadow, swelling upland pasture lands and berry fields and nutting grounds that satisfied even a boy's large desires. Some of the farm-houses of that era are still standing, with a little shop in the rear, where the farmer-shoemaker patiently drew his "waxed ends" in and out or industriously tapped the pegs, as he made by hand the sewed or pegged shoes. Mr. Day worked at farming till about seventeen years of age, and then for twenty years he was engaged in shoemaking. He finally left the bench altogether, and gave his whole attention to the pursuit of agriculture; and in 1877 he purchased the farm which he now occupies in Londonderry, a fine estate of seventy acres, which gives him generous returns for his labor.

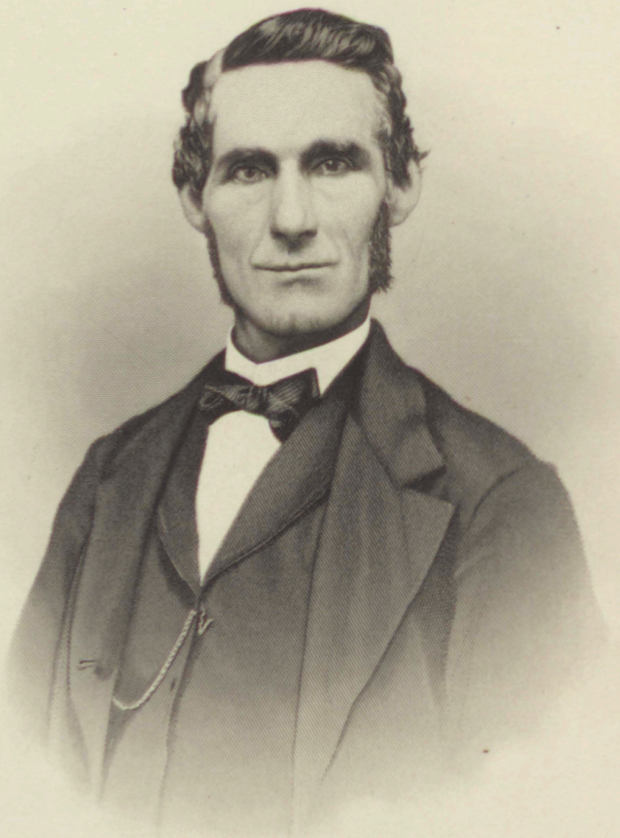
Mr. Day has been twice married. His first wife, Laura Gould, of Hampden, Me., left one son, Frank, who died June 26, 1884. The present Mrs. Day was Mrs. Susan A. Gove Angell, widow of J. Frank Angell, of Sunapee, N.H., and daughter of John and Betsey Gove, of Claremont, N.H. Her parents were both natives of the Granite State, the father born in Salisbury, the mother in Charlestown. She has Revolutionary blood in her veins, her grandfather on the maternal side, Buckminster White, having been a soldier in the Continental army. Mrs. Day has a sister and brother living, namely: Mrs. Philip Greeley, of Boston, Mass.; and Charles S. Gove, in Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Day votes the Republican ticket. He is a public-spirited citizen, actively interested in all measures for the betterment of the town. An earnest believer in the benefits of religion, he is an Elder in the Presbyterian church. He has a pleasant home, which is a centre of genial hospitality, Mr. and Mrs. Day being widely known and highly esteemed.

GEORGE W. BASSETT, a skilful farmer of Fremont, who has met with a fair share of success in his independent calling, is a native of this county, born February 22, 1837, in the town of Epping. His father, Samuel Bassett, who was born and reared in Vermont, in his early manhood settled in Epping, where he married Miss Hannah Peasley. Some time after he removed to Pittsfield, Merrimack County, and was there engaged in teaming and farming for the remainder of his active life. He passed his last days with his son, George W., in Fremont, where his death occurred, June 19, 1872. His first wife, who bore him four children, died while in Pittsfield; and he subsequently married Sarah Cram, a native of Pittsfield. The children of his first union were: Joseph, who died while serving the Union in the late war; John, who is living in New York; Mary Ann, now a resident of California; and George W., the subject of this sketch.

George W. Bassett began the battle of life when but eight years of age. Going then to South Haven, this county, he worked on a farm until he was eighteen years of age. He was afterward engaged in different places as a farm laborer, and for some time sold charcoal, when he acquired the sobriquet of "Charcoal Bassett." At length by good management he had saved enough money to warrant him in buying his present farm. The property contains one hundred and fifty acres. Since entering into possession he has made most of the improvements now to be seen on it, besides bringing the soil to a high state of productiveness. He carries on general agriculture, and continues to deal in charcoal. In politics he is a loyal and faithful Republican, never swerving from party allegiance.

Mr. Bassett was married May 8, 1866, to Mrs. Sarah J. (Beede) Blaisdel. She was the widow of the late D. Albert Blaisdel, who died in Wilton, Me., in 1863, leaving her with one child, Albert B. Blaisdel, now in business in Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Bassett was born in Fremont, October 18, 1840, daughter of Horatio and Hannah Beede, neither of whom is now living. Her father, a well-known farmer of this locality, was likewise a



Benjamin Adams

lumber dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have two children — Joseph and George S. Joseph, who married Miss Eva M. Kimball, of Danville, has one child, George Albert; and he and his family live on the home farm, assisting Mr. and Mrs. Bassett in its care and management. George S. is in business in Haverhill, Mass.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, one of Derry's most practical and energetic business men and farmers, was born in Salem, N.H., July 10, 1824, son of Edmund and Elizabeth (Karr) Adams. The ancestors of the family were residents of Massachusetts. Benjamin Adams's uncle, Mr. Jacob Adams, who died in 1823, gave eight hundred dollars to the parish for the purchase of a bell, and left a fund for the establishment in Derry, N.H., of the Adams Female Academy, which was the first incorporated academy for young ladies in the State. It was first under the charge of Miss Z. P. Grant and afterward the distinguished Mary Lyon, and for many years enjoyed a prosperous and useful existence; but it was discontinued some time since.

Edmund Adams, Mr. Adams's father, was born in Massachusetts, and during the War of 1812 was among those who constituted the garrison at Portsmouth. He resided in Salem, N.H., until 1830, when he removed with his family to Derry, where he bought the farm which is now the property of his son Benjamin; and here he devoted the rest of his active life to tilling the soil. He also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, owning a saw-mill in the neighborhood of his residence; and he was one of the well-known stirring business men of his day. He supported the Democratic party, being a prominent figure in political affairs, in which he exercised a marked influence for many years; and he died at the homestead in 1856. His wife, Elizabeth Karr before marriage, who was a native of Derry, surviving him but a short interval, died in the same year. Of their children the only survivor is Benjamin, the subject of this sketch.

Benjamin Adams was educated in the district school of his neighborhood and at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, of which Abel F. Hildreth, A.M., was principal from 1819 to 1846. He was brought up on the farm in Derry, and at an early age began to make himself useful in his father's lumber-mill. When his father died, he and his brother, Edmund, Jr., took charge of the business, under the firm name of Adams Brothers; and the enterprise was carried on very successfully by them until the death of Edmund Adams, Jr., which occurred July 1, 1892. Benjamin Adams has resided upon the farm he now owns since his early boyhood, and the land under his able management has been made to yield abundant crops and has also increased in value.

On December 15, 1884, Mr. Adams married Catherine Foster, of Cheshire County, daughter of Henry P. Foster, a native of the same county, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812. Mrs. Adams's maternal grandfather, Daniel Marsh, was in the Continental service during the Revolutionary struggle. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have one son — Benjamin Foster, who was born September 9, 1888.

Although favoring Democratic principles, Mr. Adams is accustomed to vote independently, supporting the candidates whom he considers the most worthy of holding public office; and he has never allowed himself to be tied to any political party. He is in favor of all measures calculated to develop the industrial resources of the town, and may be depended upon for his aid and influence in forwarding any movement relative to the accomplishment of that end. He has always devoted his time and energies to the farm and business enterprises therewith connected, in which he has labored industriously, and as a result is now enjoying the fruits of long-continued, well-directed activities. His brother, the late Edmund Adams, Jr., who was for so many years associated with him in business, was a man of well-known ability in public affairs. He was for several years a member of the Board of Selectmen of Derry, and was elected a Representative to the legislature by the Democratic party, which he always supported with vigor.

On the opposite page is presented an excellent portrait of the subject of the foregoing sketch, who worthily bears a name that has long stood in New England for sterling qual-

ities of manhood gracing both public and private life.

WILLIAM I. RHODES, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Brentwood township, is also a native of the town, born February 2, 1857, son of William and Mary E. (Rowell) Rhodes. His paternal ancestors were among the early settlers of the Green Mountain State. William Rhodes, who was born March 27, 1829, in Tunbridge, Vt., remained with his parents until twenty years of age. He then went to Haverhill, Mass., where he worked at shoemaking four years. After this he spent a year in Brentford, and then resided in Exeter, this county, for more than twenty years, working at farming and shoemaking. At the end of that time he returned to this township, and bought the farm he now occupies. In 1891 he had a severe attack of "la grippe," which was then epidemic in the country, and has since been an invalid, living retired from the active pursuits of life. He married Mary E. Rowell, who was born in Brentwood, March 8, 1835, and became the father of three children. These were: Nellie, now the wife of Alva S. Sandown, of Sandown township, Rockingham County; William I., the special subject of this biography; and Mary E., the wife of Howard L. Prescott, of Plaistow, N.H. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Exeter.

William I. Rhodes, who was bred and educated in this county, has now the entire charge of the homestead farm. The estate contains about one hundred acres of arable land. The more important improvements have been made by his father and himself. He carries on mixed husbandry, raising the principal crops of this section of New England, and keeps a small dairy, from which he supplies butter for the market. He is also interested to some extent in stock raising, in which he has had good success. The place, which was formerly known as the Robinson farm, is well adapted for general agriculture, is pleasantly located, and much of the land is in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Rhodes and Mary C. Fuller, a native of Fremont, in this county, were married August 1, 1886; and they are the parents of two children — Nellie May and Lillian Alva. The latter was born April 11, 1896. Politically, Mr. Rhodes is an uncompromising Democrat, having been reared in the principles of that party. Neither he nor his wife is connected by membership with any religious organization. He has been an indefatigable worker, and has met with a corresponding degree of success; while his sterling traits as a man have won the good will of the entire community.

DANIEL CHASE BEAN, a prosperous farmer and dairyman of Kingston, was born in Raymond, this county, November 15, 1824. He is the son of Benjamin and Naomi (Page) Bean, both natives of Raymond and lifelong residents of that town. Benjamin Bean, who was an industrious man, followed the callings of cooper and farmer. He was the father of twelve children, namely: Hannah, who died in infancy; Hannah (second), Thomas, John, Gilman, Sophia, and Betsey, all of whom have passed away; Abigail; Benjamin, who died recently; Daniel Chase, the subject of this sketch; and Moses and Frank, who died some years ago.

Daniel Chase Bean attended school until he was fourteen years of age, when he hired out as a farm hand in Raymond. He worked for wages until 1850, and then established a home of his own, purchasing the farm on which he is now living. After residing here five years, he moved to another farm in the same township, where he lived some five years more. Being appointed Overseer of the Poor, he moved to the town farm, which was under his wise and efficient management for twelve years. At the end of that period he took up his residence in Haverhill, Mass., and tried keeping boarders for a while. He found that a boarding-house keeper had more trials than he cared to contend with, and he returned at the end of three years to his first farm. Here he has an estate of forty-five acres, on which he has made many improvements. He is extensively engaged in general farming, hiring men to do the heavy work. He keeps at an average ten milch cows, and

has a milk route in Kingston village. Mr. Bean has earned his present measure of prosperity by working unceasingly since he was a boy of fourteen.

He was married November 3, 1850, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Obadiah and Dorothy (Sanborn) Bean, who resided in Kingston for a number of years prior to their death. Mrs. Bean was born in Danville, this county, February 18, 1829. She is the mother of four children, namely: Obadiah Everett Gove, who married Abbie Emerson, and lives in Lynn, Mass.; George Herbert Chase, who married Adeline Hazelton, and resides in Lowell, Mass.; Daniel Franklin, who married Hattie E. Allen, of Haverhill, Mass., and lives in Lowell; and Dorothy Emma, the wife of B. H. Rowell, who lives in Sandown, this county. In politics Mr. Bean favors the Republican side, but believes in electing the best man, irrespective of party. He attends the Universalist church in Kingston, is well known throughout the county, and has many warm friends.

SETH D. LANE, widely and favorably known as an industrious and skilful agriculturist, has been identified with the farming interests of the town of Chester for more than twoscore years. He was born in Raymond, Rockingham County, January 2, 1832, a son of Jason Lane.

Jason Lane, who was a descendant of an early pioneer family of this county, spent his entire life on the old Lane homestead in Raymond, and died there May 25, 1855. He engaged in tilling the soil; but he also worked at the blacksmith's trade during much of his time. He married Sophia Doton, of Moultonboro, Carroll County, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Seth D., the subject of this sketch; Clarinda F., who married Samuel B. Osgood, both now deceased; Matilda, who died August 3, 1880, leaving a husband, George Rollins, who now lives in Kingston, this county; Mary Susan, who died at the age of fourteen months; Miranda, who is the wife of Orin Bean, of Raymond; and Emma, who married Ostinella Roby, a farmer of Chester. After the death of the father the mother again married, becoming the wife of the late Ebenezer Wilcomb, of Chester. She spent her last days in that town, dying April 29, 1879. Seth D. Lane received a common-school education in the district in which he was reared, and on the parental homestead obtained a practical training in agriculture. On attaining his majority he came to Chester to live, and soon after his marriage he settled on the farm where he now resides. Here Mr. Lane has one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, well improved, a large part being in a high state of cultivation. In addition to the general work of the farm, he carries on lumbering to some extent and raises some stock. Mr. Lane is an earnest advocate of the principles promulgated by the Republican party. He is genuinely interested in the welfare of the town, and liberally encourages all enterprises for the benefit of the community. He has reserved as Highway Surveyor of the township for seven years.

Mr. Lane was married May 9, 1854, to Miss Mary Basford, who was born in Chester, November 17, 1828, on the home farm of her parents, Walter and Sarah (Knowles) Basford. The union has been blessed by the birth of three children — Luther B., Austin J., and Augusta S. Luther B. Lane, born April 16, 1855, who is a farmer in Chester, married Emma Brown, a native of Fremont, born August 10, 1859, daughter of Daniel S. and Mary H. (Bean) Brown, and has one son, Walter W. Lane. Austin J., born April 29, 1858, who is engaged in farming and teaming near the home of his parents in North Chester, married Mary I. Dow, and is the father of two children — Anna L. and Lilla M. Augusta S., born July 23, 1861, is the wife of Jay Marden, a farmer of Chester, and has two children — Alice L. and Lena M. Mrs. Lane is a conscientious member of the Congregational church of her native town.

JAMES A. CORNING, a prominent shoe manufacturer of Epping, N.H., was born in Exeter, the county seat of Rockingham County, N.H., in 1851, son of James C. and Ann M. (Lane)

Corning. The father was a native of Londonderry, N.H., where his early years were spent. He removed to Salem, and subsequently to Haverhill, Mass., being an extensive shoe manufacturer there for thirty years. On account of failing health he then came to Epping, and purchased the place now occupied by his son, James A. During his active life he gave careful attention to business details, with excellent financial results. Mr. James C. Corning died in May, 1892; but Mrs. Corning, who is a native of Exeter, is still in the enjoyment of good health, at the age of sixty-nine years.

James A. Corning received his early education in the Haverhill public schools, afterward studying higher branches with a private tutor, and finally taking a business course in Haverhill Business College. At the age of eighteen he came to Epping, where two or three years later he became engaged in the manufacture of shoes, an enterprise in which he has been continuously engaged ever since. Mr. Corning prudently began in a small way, gradually increasing his business until with his present plant, which is well equipped with modern machinery, he employs sixty men and women. When the factory runs, they do an annual business of forty thousand dollars.

In politics Mr. Corning is a Republican, and, though he does not seek office, has consented to serve as Selectman for two years. Since his twenty-first year he has been a member of the Masonic Order, officiating as Treasurer of the local lodge, A. F. & A. M., for several terms. He is also identified with the Royal Arcanum. He was at one time a member of the Knights of Honor, and served several years as its Treasurer.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was united in marriage in June, 1875, was Helen M. Kendall. She is a native of Hinsdale, N.H., and a daughter of Gilbert Kendall, of Claremont, N.H. Mr. Corning's mother resides with him, she and his wife being faithful and valued members of the Congregational church. Industrious, enterprising, high-principled, such people as the Cornings live lives of useful activity, and make their influence widely felt for good in the community where they dwell.

The Corning family, it is worthy of mention, have been successfully engaged in the manufacture of shoes, which is one of the most important industries of New England, employing many skilled laborers, and a large amount of capital, for the last fifty years. James A. and his brother Gilman began in Haverhill, Mass., when the business started there in 1846; while their brother Phineas carried on the manufacture for a long period in Danversport, Mass., and a fourth brother, John S. Corning, was in the same line of business for twenty-five years in Boston, Mass.

JAMES S. WOOD, a prosperous dealer in coal and wood in Portsmouth, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Staley Bridge, Lancashire, England, on March 7, 1851. His father, John Wood, was also born there and learned the trade of mortar grinder. He came to America in 1863, and went to work in Eldridge's brewery in Portsmouth, where he was unfortunately killed when he was forty-five years of age by a falling hogshead of molasses. He left a widow and five children — Jane, Nathan, James S., Lizzie, and Mary Anna. Jane, the eldest-born, who married a Mr. Jackson, resides in Portsmouth; Nathan, the second child, like his father met with an untimely end, being burned to death when the Kearsarge cotton-mills were consumed by fire; Lizzie married James Lomas, a native of England, but a resident of this city; Mary Anna married Mr. Newton, who is also a resident of Portsmouth.

James S. Wood, the third child of his parents, spent the first twelve years of his life in England. He began to be a bread-winner at an early age, going into the Kearsarge cotton-mills, where he worked steadily on and up, leaving the factory as section hand at the expiration of ten years. He then engaged in the fuel business, which he has successfully managed ever since, dealing in coal and sawed and split wood. During the summer he also runs picnic barges with excellent financial results. Mr. Wood is a Republican in politics, but votes especially in local elections for the best man, irrespective of party lines. He

is a member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, and attends the North Congregational Church.

Mr. Wood has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Ann J. Lomas, was a native of Hyde, England. She died in 1879; and in 1892, twenty years after his first marriage, he was united in matrimony to his second wife, who was formerly Margaret Jackson, and who also belonged in Hyde, England. Aside from the energy which is intrinsically his own, Mr. Wood's success in business is partially due to the fact that he was thrown on his own resources in early life, taxing his developing faculties to the uttermost.

MARTIN V. B. GILE, a prosperous farmer of Raymond, was born here, November 17, 1835, son of Jesse B. Gile, Jr., and Eliza (Towle) Gile. He is a descendant of Samuel Gile, who at an early date, accompanied by his brother John, left his English home for America. On their arrival John settled in Dedham, Mass., and Samuel in Haverhill, Mass. From Samuel the line of descent comes through Ephraim, Samuel (third), and Samuel (fourth) to Jesse, the grandfather of Martin V. B. Gile. Jesse Gile and those who preceded him were born in Haverhill. In early manhood he came to Raymond, and purchased the place since known as the old Gile homestead, which he tilled successfully, providing in this way for his own needs and those of his wife and five children. He died in 1838, about fifty years of age. The last of his children has since passed away. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat.

Jesse Gile, Jr., born in Raymond, followed the hereditary calling of farmer during the active portion of his life. He died in January, 1890. His wife, Eliza, bore him twelve children, of whom ten are now living, namely: Martin V. B., the subject of this article; Nancy B., the wife of John Wallace, of Raymond; Lavinia, the wife of P. Small, of Candia, this county; Elisha and Gilman E., both residents of Raymond; Samuel, residing in Candia; Lydia J., widow of K. Webster, residing in East Kingston, this county; Erastus, a resident of Michigan; Ellen, the wife of Charles Hayes, residing in Haverhill; and Jesse, residing in Candia.

Martin V. B. Gile made the most of his opportunities for gaining an education in the common schools. On leaving the class-room he entered at once upon the sterner duties of life, working for different parties until his marriage, at the age of thirty-one years. He then settled down to farming on his own account, and has successfully followed that occupation since. His farm of two hundred acres, comprising tillage, pasture, and wood land, bears witness to the painstaking and systematic care which its owner has bestowed upon it. The old buildings have given place to a new house, barn, and out-buildings; and every other feature of prominence betokens the thrifty New England farmer. In November, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah P. Kimball, a native of Kingston, N.H. Their only living child, Fannie L., is an able teacher in the public schools of Candia. In his political relations Mr. Gile is a Republican. He is a communicant of the Free Will Baptist church in Candia.

GEORGE GOODWIN, a highly esteemed resident of Sandown, was born August 27, 1824, on the homestead where he now resides, son of Samuel and Polly (George) Goodwin. His paternal grandfather, a native of Rockingham County, was born, and spent his entire life, in the town of Newton, where he was engaged in farming. Grandfather Goodwin married Marian Blaisdell, and became by her the father of twelve children. Samuel Goodwin was born in Newton, where he worked on the parental homestead until sixteen years of age. Then, starting out for himself, he went to Bow, Merrimack County, and there worked at farm labor for a time. After this he came to Sandown, and bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son George. From that time until his death, which occurred in 1889, he was engaged in agriculture. Some time after his arrival in Sandown he married Miss George, a descendant of one of the early families of this place. They had two children —

Harriet Newell and George. Harriet Newell died at the age of nineteen years. The mother's death occurred in 1866.

George Goodwin obtained his education in the district schools and his practical knowledge of farming on the family homestead. Being the only son, his services were naturally required on the farm; and when his father's health became impaired he was given its entire management. It is pleasantly located in the eastern portion of the town, and contains two hundred acres of land, a large part of which is in cultivation. Mr. Goodwin carries on general farming, stock raising, and dairying. He makes an excellent quality of butter, which he sells at the local markets. He has always been an energetic worker, and earned the success he has attained. Recently he transferred a part of the responsibility of his work to his two sons. In politics Mr. Goodwin is a sound Democrat. He has served with acknowledged ability as Selectman, and represented Sandown in the State legislature of 1874–75. He is a member of the local grange.

On October 28, 1851, Mr. Goodwin married Mary A. Lane, a daughter of David and Lydia (Currier) Lane, lifelong residents of Chester, N.H. They have had four children, namely: Charles W., born April 20, 1853; John George, born February 2, 1857; Hattie Maria, born December 6, 1868; and one child that died in infancy. The survivors all received a good education, and are valued and useful members of the community in which they live. Charles W. has been a member of the Board of Selectmen of Sandown for five consecutive years. John G. attended the Danville High School six months, and afterward took a commercial course at the Manchester Business College, this State. He is now agent for the Rockingham County Insurance Company. He has served his townsmen as Tax Collector, and at the present time is Justice of the Peace. He belongs to the grange and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he is an active member. The daughter, Hattie, a successful teacher, is likewise a member of the grange, and is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church by membership.

JONATHAN Y. NESMITH, of Londonderry, N.H., is a lineal descendant in the fifth generation of Deacon James Nesmith, one of the sixteen Scotch-Irish immigrants who in April, 1719, settled at Nutfield, as this historic old town was called previous to its incorporation in June, 1722. Deacon Nesmith's wife was Elizabeth McKeen. Their son, James, second, born in Ireland in 1718, married Mary Dinsmoor, daughter of Robert Dinsmoor, of Windham, N.H., and settled in the north part of the town of Londonderry. James Nesmith, the second of the name, fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. His son Robert married Jane Anderson, and was the father of five children, the three sons being Thomas, James, and Cyrus.

Thomas Nesmith, son of Robert, was an able carpenter, and had an extensive acquaintance in this section of the county. He worked on some of the first buildings erected in the city of Manchester, and their condition to-day speaks well for his skill and conscientious workmanship. He was commonly known as Captain Nesmith, being an officer in the State militia, active in training an organized company. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. His death occurred in war time. Of the children of Captain Nesmith and his wife, Nancy Boyce, Jonathan Y. is the only survivor. The others were: Jane, Hannah, and James.

Jonathan Y. Nesmith, son of Thomas and Nancy, was born in Londonderry on July 6, 1827. He was left motherless when not quite three years of age, and was reared in the family of his uncle, Cyrus Nesmith, in Londonderry. His uncle was a farmer, and the boy learned to make himself of use in the never-ending routine of agricultural labors. When about eighteen years of age he went to work for his father; but carpentry did not suit him, and he subsequently learned the trade of shoemaking, at which he worked for a number of years. He finally returned to the pursuit of his boyhood — agriculture — which has brought him comfort and prosperity, and his farm of sixty-five acres shows thrift and good management. His property has been acquired by hard work and the exercise of sagacious



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judgment, and he is well deserving of a place in the ranks of New Hampshire's self-made men.

Mr. Nesmith was married November 25, 1852, to Adaline A. Boyce, a native of Londonderry, daughter of Robert and Percy (Garvin) Boyce. Her parents, too, were natives of New Hampshire. Mr. Nesmith has an adopted son, Frank A., who married Clara B., daughter of James Corning, of Litchfield, N.H., and has two children — Eva M. and Adaline B. A stanch Republican in politics, he is always ready to do what he can for the betterment of the town, being especially interested in educational matters; but he has refused to accept office, modestly preferring to perform his share in the town government as a voter in the ranks.

TOPPAN LEAVITT.— The town of North Hampton, N.H., is remarkable for its old families, generation after generation dwelling in the same spot, tilling the same soil, and lying down for the last sleep beneath the same skies that smiled upon the pioneer. Of one of these old families Toppan Leavitt, a portrait of whom is here shown, is a worthy scion. He was born in North Hampton, July 28, 1818, son of Toppan, Sr., and Sarah A. (Kimball) Leavitt, and is of the seventh generation of his family in this part of New England.

The first of the race in these parts, Thomas Leavitt, settled in North Hampton in 1639, locating in the part of the town known as the West End, and lived there nearly sixty years, dying in November, 1696, at the age of fourscore. His wife, Isabel, died in 1699. The next in line was Hosea Leavitt, who married Martha Taylor; the next, Moses Leavitt; and the next, John, Mr. Toppan Leavitt's great-grandfather, who moved to "the hill," and kept the old tavern many years. He married a Miss Marston. Their son, Benjamin Leavitt, a native of North Hampton like his immediate ancestors, kept the tavern in the town many years, and managed a farm at the same time. His house is now owned and occupied by Mr. Gove. On his farm he raised more produce than was necessary for his family needs; and he made frequent trips to Boston in a schooner which he owned, carrying potatoes and other vegetables, and bringing back from the city such things as were not easily obtainable in a small place like Hampton. He was familiarly known as Captain Ben, being a commissioned officer in the State militia. Captain Ben Leavitt died in 1835, aged sixty-nine years. His wife's maiden name was Abigail Smith. This couple reared three children — Toppan, Sr., Luther, and Benjamin.

Toppan Leavitt, Sr., was born in North Hampton, and educated in the district school. Like the majority of his townsmen in his day, he was a farmer; but he hardly lived long enough to accomplish much, for he was drowned at the early age of twenty-four, on the return trip from Boston, whither he had taken a load of potatoes in his father's schooner. This was in 1818, shortly before the birth of his son and namesake, whose life story to the present time is here outlined.

Toppan Leavitt was reared to maturity in the home of his paternal grandfather, and obtained his education at the district school. Learning the carpenter's trade, he worked at it for a while, but eventually took up the pursuit of agriculture, taking charge of the Leavitt farm after the death of his uncle Luther. In 1845 he purchased his present homestead, which includes a good farm; and for over half a century he has been steadily engaged in general husbandry.

Mr. Leavitt was married in 1844 to Sarah Crimbell, daughter of Benjamin Crimbell, of North Hampton; and three of their children have attained maturity and established homes of their own; namely, Delia N., Benjamin T., and John I. Delia N. Leavitt, whose home is in Stratham, this county, is the wife of Daniel Wiggin and mother of nine children — Fred B.; Louisa, wife of Bert Brewster and mother of two children, Willis and Guy; John; George; Prentiss; Hattie; Sarah; Nettie; and Elmer. Benjamin T. Leavitt, a resident of Hampton, married Belle Elkins, and has one child, Louis. John I. Leavitt, of North Hampton, married first Eliza Rowe, and second Lucinda Marston. He had three children by his second wife, namely: a son,

Alverdo; and two children who died in infancy. Alverdo Leavitt, whose home is in Portland, Me., married Eveline Allen, and has four children — Bertie, Lillian, Addie, and Laura.

Mr. Toppan Leavitt has been a stanch Democrat through all the fluctuations of political power. He cast his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1840, the year of the exciting "log cabin and hard cider" campaign, when the Whigs drank the health of their candidate, William Henry Harrison, in what the Baltimore *Republican* said was his favorite beverage, and the Democrats worked zealously for their unanimous choice, Van Buren. Mr. Leavitt has long been prominent in town affairs, and has served as Selectman and as Surveyor of Highways.

ALDEN E. PILLSBURY, one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of Sandown, was born on the homestead he now occupies, July 25, 1837. His father, Lyman Pillsbury, was born in the town of Hanover, Grafton County. Lyman subsequently became a resident of Sandown, and died there, December 2, 1889. He owned the farm now in possession of his son, Alden E., and was there successfully engaged in general husbandry for many years. His first wife, born and bred in Sandown, whose maiden name was Clarissa Eaton, died a few years after her marriage. She bore her husband four children, namely: Mary J., the widow of the late Daniel Brickett, living in Haverhill, Mass.; Alden E., the subject of this sketch; Martha, who died at the age of fifteen years; and S. Newton, who died in 1870. On June 12, 1852, the father contracted a second marriage with Sarah H. Clay, who survives him, and is now living at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Alden E. Pillsbury attended the district schools of his native town in his boyhood, and afterward completed his education at Andover, Mass. He was but fourteen years of age when his mother died. Remaining on the home farm, he was early initiated in farm duties. After the demise of his father he came into possession of the homestead property. Mr. Pillsbury has a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres, much of it being in an excellent state of cultivation. He is profitably engaged in general farming, stock raising, and dairying, In politics he favors Democratic principles. but reserves the right to vote for the men and measures he deems the best. Although not an office-seeker, he never shirks a citizen's responsibility, and has served his fellow-townsmen as Selectman, Tax Collector, and member of the School Board, holding each office two years. He is connected with the local grange by membership, and takes an active part in promoting the welfare of the organization.

On February 1, 1871, Mr. Pillsbury married Miss Lizzie P. Sargent, who was born May 9, 1841, in Amesbury, Mass., daughter of Orlando and Abigail (Patten) Sargent. Mr. Sargent, a well-known farmer of that town, where he and his wife spent their entire lives, died there in May, 1876. His wife's death occurred March 6, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury have two children, namely: Frank N., born April 4, 1872, who is living at home; and Gertrude S., born October 7, 1877, who is still attending school.

GEORGE E. GOWEN, a successful general farmer of Stratham and extensive manufacturer of evaporated apple, was born in West Newbury, Mass., July 1, 1846, son of Ezekiel and Hannah (Colby) Gowen. Mr. Gowen's grandfather, Ezekiel Gowen, Sr., who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was an industrious farmer of York County, Maine, died in Shapleigh at the advanced age of ninety-five years. He was the father of nine children, of whom Ezekiel, Mr. Gowen's father, was the youngest.

Ezekiel Gowen, Jr., was born at Emery's Mills in the town of Shapleigh. At the age of twenty-one he settled in Massachusetts, where the rest of his life was passed. In 1846 he bought a farm in West Newbury, and was thereafter engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1879. He was known and respected as an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. In his religious belief he was a Methodist. His

wife, Hannah, who was born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1814, became by him the mother of eleven children, of whom eight grew to maturity. These were: Mary, Benjamin C., Sarah E., Charles W., Francis H., George E., Oscar, and Carrie I. Six of the number are now living. The mother, who still survives, is a resident of Stratham.

George E. Gowen acquired a practical education in the schools of West Newbury. At the age of seventeen he started in life as a shoemaker, working upon women's pegged shoes for eight years. He then engaged in farming, and in 1877 he moved to Stratham, where he bought his present farm of seventy acres, the cultivation of which has since been his principal occupation. He carries on general farming, while he makes a specialty of fruit growing and market gardening. He raises large quantities of apples, which he converts into the commodity known as evaporated apple, and disposes of at a satisfactory profit. In 1895 he produced fourteen hundred cases, each containing fifty pounds of evaporated apple. He employs an average of twenty men in this business, and uses the best machinery, which is run by steam-power.

On February 6, 1872, Mr. Gowen was united in marriage to Mary A. Smith, daughter of Lewis W. Smith, of West Newbury, Mass. Of this union there were born eleven children; namely, May I., Grace E., Helen P., Clarence E., Ralph E., Bertha E., G. Arthur, R. Howard, Benjamin F., Philip L., and Shirley W. The mother, who attended the Congregational church, died in 1895. Mr. Gowen also attends the Congregational church.

He acts in politics with the Republican party. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Stratham for five years, during one year of which he presided as Chairman; and he is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry.

CHARLES H. KNOWLES, a worthy representative of the farming community of this county, was born in Chester on the homestead where he has since resided, May 1, 1838, a son of Dearborn and Jane C. (Page) Knowles. The homestead, passing from father to son, has been in the possession of the Knowles family for several generations. Nathan Knowles, Sr., the great-grandfather of Charles H., came to Chester from the neighboring town of Hampton, and, settling on this farm, began the pioneer labor of clearing and improving it. He made much progress in this work, placing sufficient of the land in cultivation to support his family. Nathan Knowles, Jr., the grandfather of Charles H., succeeded to the homestead, which he carried on very successfully, adding materially to the improvements begun by his father.

Dearborn Knowles inherited the ancestral acres, and was prosperously engaged in mixed husbandry until his demise, December 3, 1880. He married Jane C. Page, a native of Raymond township; and they had two children — Charles H. and William D. The latter, who was born in 1843, married Miss Lucy Burnham, and is now living with her at Thetford, Vt. The mother, remarkably bright and active for a woman of eighty-five, resides on the homestead, cared for by her son, Charles H.

Charles H. Knowles acquired the rudiments of his education in the common schools of Chester. He afterward attended the academy in Chester, N.H. On the home farm he received the practical instruction in the various branches of agriculture that fitted him for his duties as the next proprietor. He has one hundred and fifty acres of land, which he manages to the best advantage. In the winter season Mr. Knowles devotes a part of his time to lumbering. He is a public-spirited member of the community, which he has served as Selectman and in other capacities. In politics he is an earnest advocate of Republican principles. During the late war he was drafted into the army; but he did not serve, and furnished a substitute in his place.

The marriage of Mr. Knowles with Miss Mary A. Hook, of this town, was performed November 19, 1861. Mrs. Knowles was born November 26, 1840, daughter of George W. and Betsey (Smith) Hook, both natives of Rockingham County, born respectively in Exeter and Raymond. After their marriage her parents settled in Chester, where they remained for the rest of their lives, the father

engaged in farming and shoemaking. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles have three daughters, namely: Eva, who is the wife of Burt S. Sanborn, station agent at Whiting, R.I.; Jennie M., who married Samuel E. Ray, a farmer and butcher of Auburn, this county; and Sadie L., who is the wife of Herbert Jenkins, a machinist in Portsmouth, N.H. Both parents are active members of the Congregational church.

BENJAMIN G. MOULTON, a well-to-do resident and real estate owner of Kensington, was born in this town, April 18, 1821, son of Benjamin and Mehitable (Brown) Moulton. Mr. Moulton's grandfather, Benjamin Moulton, who was a native of Hampton Falls, settled in Kensington in pioneer times, attained prosperity as an agriculturist, and died in this town at the age of seventy-five years. He was a Whig in politics and a Universalist in his religious belief. He married Elizabeth Rowe, who bore him twenty-two children. Twelve of the number grew to maturity, but all are now deceased. The mother lived to the age of eighty-six years. Benjamin Moulton, Mr. Moulton's father, was born in Kensington, August 15, 1795. He succeeded to the home farm, where he resided throughout his life, industriously occupied in its cultivation. Originally a Whig, he later joined the Republican party. Besides serving his town as a Selectman, he represented the district in the legislature during the year 1837–38. He also served in the War of 1812 as a soldier. His death occurred when he was eighty-six years old. His wife, before marriage Mehitable Brown, born in Hampton Falls, N.H., in 1793, became the mother of three children. These were: Benjamin G., the subject of this sketch; Hannah S., who resides on the old homestead; and Elizabeth S., who died at the age of seventy-two years. The mother lived to the age of eighty-four. Both parents attended the Universalist church.

Benjamin G. Moulton acquired his education in the schools of Kensington, and grew to manhood upon the homestead farm. He took charge of the property during his father's declining years, and has followed farming in this town to the present day. In 1845 he made his first purchase of real estate, which consisted of four acres of land. This he has increased from time to time by the addition of adjoining land, so that now the original plot has become a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. In 1857 he bought the farm upon which he now resides, having occupied it since 1870. He conducts general farming with success, keeps his buildings in good repair, and enjoys a desirable measure of prosperity. Mr. Moulton attends the Universalist church. In politics Mr. Moulton is independent, preferring to support candidates according to his own opinion of their fitness for office.

JAMES F. SARGENT, of Sandown, was born here, July 30, 1855, son of Aaron D. and Catharine (Jackson) Sargent. His grandfather was William Sargent, who spent the larger part of his life in the town of Loudon, Merrimack County, although his closing days were passed in Sandown.

Aaron D. Sargent, who was a native of Loudon, born in 1829, left the place of his nativity when quite young. He went first to the neighboring town of Canterbury and thence shortly after to Lowell, Mass. In Lowell he learned the trades of machinist and blacksmith. After his marriage he returned to this county and worked at his trade in Plaistow for a time. Subsequently, purchasing the farm where his son, James F., now resides, he carried on general farming and blacksmithing as long as he was able. He is now practically retired from active occupation, and he and his wife are tranquilly passing their declining years on the homestead with their son and his family. Soon after the breaking out of the late Rebellion, he enlisted in Company K, Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. After the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was in action at the siege of Port Hudson and in other engagements of less importance. Finally, receiving a severe injury in the

leg, he was discharged on account of disability, and sent home. On recovering from his wound some months later, he resumed farming, in which he was engaged until his retirement. His wife, whose maiden name was Catharine Jackson, was born in 1830 in Carlisle, Mass. She bore him seven children, as follows: Edwin J., who married Johanna C. West, and has lived with his brother, James F., since the death of his wife on December 15, 1889; Elmira, who is the wife of David B. Smith, a farmer in the town of Fremont; James F., the subject of this sketch; Emma J., the wife of Charles E. Wood, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Anna F., who is the widow of the late Frank P. Sanborn, and lives in Manchester, N.H.; Charles A., a shoemaker living near the old homestead, who married Miss Louise Hennessy; and Walter H., a shoemaker, who married Miss Rachel H. Galvin.

James F. Sargent was reared and educated in the town of Sandown, and has always lived on the home farm. Mr. Sargent is extensively engaged in manufacturing shoes. His factory, which is located on the farm, turns out fifteen hundred pairs of shoes a week when running with a full force. Its average product is one thousand pairs per week. The shoes are made by machinery for the Boston wholesale trade. Mr. Sargent invariably supports the Democratic party in politics. He has served as Selectman for the past six years, being at the present time Chairman of the Board. He was Supervisor for an equal length of time, and he has filled other offices. In 1891 and 1892 he represented Sandown in the State legislature with honor to himself and to the credit of his constituents, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He is a Universalist in religious belief, while his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sandown.

On April 6, 1882, Mr. Sargent married Miss Florence M. Currier, who was born in Danville, this county, December 28, 1861, daughter of David B. and Julia (Hunkins) Currier. Her mother died when she was an infant; but her father, now seventy-five years old, still lives in Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent have one child, Bertha E., born September 6, 1883.

REV. SAMUEL HOYT, late of Newington, was born in the year 1809, on the family homestead in this place. His father, Samuel Hoyt, was a farmer; and the son was brought up on the home farm. He received his early education in the district schools. When he was eighteen years of age he became a student at Kent's Hill Academy in the State of Maine. This was a Methodist school, and here he began to prepare himself to enter the ministry. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching in Portsmouth, N.H., for some years. At the end of that time he joined the Methodist Conference, and was ordained in the same year. The first church he had charge of was in Epping, this county. He was afterward pastor in Concord, Exeter, and other places in the State. In 1844 his father's death made it necessary for him to give up his pastoral duties, in order that he might return to the farm at Newington to take on himself the direction and support of the family. At the same time that he cultivated the farm, which became his by inheritance, he assumed local ministerial charges in the immediate neighborhood. He owned at this time between eighty and a hundred acres of land. He was a Republican in his politics, and served in the State legislature as a Representative for three terms. He was always a Prohibitionist, and during his last years he supported that party.

The Rev. Mr. Hoyt was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Miss Eliza Colby, who bore him no children. His second marriage took place May 5, 1855, when he was united to Miss Harriet Murray, of Portsmouth, a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hodgdon) Murray. The lady's father was a farmer and a carpenter by trade. Of Mr. Hoyt's second marriage three children were born. These were: Arthur G., who died in 1888; Frank M., who is a resident of Boston and a member of the firm Lothrop Publishing Company in that city; and Emma H., who is the wife of Mr. Alva R. H. Foss, of Rye, this county. Mr. Hoyt was an exemplary member of society in all the relations of public and private life. He died January 22, 1893; and his remains were interred in the Newington cemetery. His

widow still resides on the farm. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which her husband was a minister; but she afterward joined the Congregational church, which has no society in the immediate neighborhood. The death of the Rev. Samuel Hoyt inflicted a real and acknowledged loss on the community in which he lived. But the influence of a good life must be felt long after its material and visible end; and of him it may truly be said, "His good deeds live after him."

RICHARD P. GOSS, an influential and valued citizen of the town of Rye, Rockingham County, N.H., was born and reared on the homestead that he now owns and occupies. His father was Joseph Pickering, who married Mary J. Goss, the daughter of Richard and Mary Foss Goss, of this town. Mr. Pickering died at the age of forty years; and, his wife having preceded him to the other world, their young son, Richard P., was left an orphan.

Richard P. was adopted by a near relative, and his name changed from Pickering to Goss by enactment of the State legislature. He received such educational advantages as his native town afforded, attending the district schools in his youth. He has always made farming his principal occupation; but being a man of versatile talents, with a mechanical ability far above that of the average laborer, he can turn his hand in many directions. For several summers he has owned and operated a threshing machine, threshing much of the grain raised in this locality. He is a skilful and thorough-going farmer, wise and systematic in his methods, and has met with a deserved success in his various undertakings. He has served his fellow-townsmen as Road Surveyor, Selectman, and School Committee, performing his duties with fidelity in each position. Among the local improvements in which Mr. Goss has taken an active interest is the building and grading of the public highways, and it is largely due to his strenuous efforts that the roads of Rye are in such a fine condition. In politics he is a steadfast Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1856 for James Buchanan.

Mr. Goss married, October 17, 1858, Harriet J. Locke, daughter of Richard R. and Sarah A. (Leavitt) Locke, of this town. Their union has been blessed by the birth of six children; namely, Clarence A., Estelle J., Annie A., Gilman P., Erastus L., and Walter W. Clarence A., who lives in Rye, married Ella J. Garland; and they have two children — Harriet D. and Annie M. Estelle J. is the wife of Edward P. Philbrick, of Manchester, N.H., and has two children — Neil B. and Hester. Annie A. died at the age of nine years.

SAMUEL J. COLCORD, a highly respected citizen of Exeter, Rockingham County, N.H., who is successfully engaged in lumbering and milling, is a native of Deerfield, N.H., where he was born in 1849. At the age of four years he was adopted by Samuel and Caroline (Haines) Colcord, residents of Exeter.

Samuel Colcord was a carpenter by trade; and he followed that occupation at Exeter until the latter portion of his life, when he engaged in lumbering. Quiet and retiring, he entertained no political aspirations, but lived a life of devotion to his family and of strict application to his business. He passed away in 1876, respected by all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance; but his estimable wife still survives him, and in her life has rounded out three-quarters of a century.

Samuel J. Colcord, with whom this biographical sketch is principally occupied, spent his boyhood and youth at the home of his foster-parents. He enjoyed excellent educational advantages, being for some time a student at Phillips Academy in Exeter, a preparatory school of world-wide fame. Concluding his course of study at the age of fifteen, he engaged with his father in carpentering, which he followed for nine years. At the end of that time he applied himself to the pursuit of lumbering and milling, a business which he has conducted very prosperously for the past twenty years.

In 1873 Mr. Colcord was united in marriage

with Miss Harriet W. Chase, who is the daughter of Elisha Chase, a resident of Stratham, N.H. They have two children, namely: Anna J., who is now the wife of Fred H. Knight, of Exeter; and Fred L.

Mr. Colcord and his family stand high socially in Exeter and the vicinity. In national politics he is a vigorous supporter of the principles set forth by the Republican party. Although he does not seek for social or political distinction, yet, as his qualities and worth are extensively recognized, he has been elected by his fellow-citizens at various times to positions of public trust, and he is now serving in his second term as Selectman of Exeter. The town election of 1896 was the most excitable and hotly contested one that has been known in the annals of Exeter, but he received his official appointment by a majority of one hundred and eleven popular votes.

He is not unknown in fraternity gatherings, as he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, being a member of Friendship Council, No. 141, which is located in Exeter. His religious faith and sympathies, and also those of his wife, bring them into affiliation with the Baptist Church of Exeter. Mr. Colcord is among the prominent business men of Exeter, and is a citizen of true worth. In spirit he is broad and progressive, an earnest promoter of any project that looks to the development of the natural resources of the town and to the intellectual, moral, and religious elevation of the community. He owns and lives in the enjoyment of one of the finest residences in Exeter.

The portrait on the page opposite the beginning of the foregoing sketch will be recognized and appreciated as an admirable likeness of its subject, Mr. Samuel J. Colcord.

GEORGE W. DOLBER, a prominent farmer of Chester, was born October 6, 1823, in Candia, this county, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, John Dolber, his grandfather, William Dolber, and of his paternal great-grandfather, William Dolber, who was an able and industrious farmer, married Abigail Hill, also a native of Candia, and the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier.

John Dolber was a lifelong resident of Candia, where in addition to general farming he worked at the carpenter's trade until his demise in 1850. In early manhood he rendered military service to the Union with a company from Portsmouth, N.H. He married Polly Stevens, of Chester, a daughter of Ebenezer Stevens, who was a farmer of Kingston township, this county, where he was born and reared. Having survived her husband many years, she died in 1873. They were the parents of six children, of whom William, Ansel, Charles, and Mary are deceased. George W., the second-born, and Lavinia J., the youngest, are living. The latter is the wife of John Wason, a Chester farmer, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume.

George W. Dolber remained at home during his earlier years, attending the district school and assisting on the farm. At the age of seventeen years he went to Newburyport, Mass., where he was employed driving a milk wagon for four years. Returning then to Candia, Mr. Dolber worked at the shoemaker's trade until 1860. In that year he came to Chester to care for his mother's brother, then a man enfeebled by age, and, settling on his present farm, has since been engaged in general agriculture. He has been very prosperous, and now has a large part of his farm of one hundred and fifty acres in a high state of cultivation. By many improvements he has rendered it one of the most attractive homesteads in this section of the county. Besides general farming he is also engaged in lumbering on quite an extensive scale. The Republican party receives his support in politics. He was identified with the Know Nothings when that party was in existence. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and has served in various town offices, including that of Selectman, to which he was elected for several terms.

In 1849, September 16, while living in Candia, Mr. Dolber was married to Elizabeth Emerson. Mrs. Dolber was born in Candia, May 3, 1831, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Nelson) Emerson, natives respectively of

Candia and Allentown, N.H. Mr. Emerson, who was a farmer by occupation, always made his home in Candia, although his death occurred in Medford, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Dolber have two children — John Frank and George A. John Frank, born November 16, 1850, married Sarah Jane Dearborn, and is now engaged in farming in Chester. George A., born April 19, 1862, is a blacksmith in Laconia, N.H.

D. FRANK FELLOWS, one of the busiest men of Brentwood township, follows the various callings of farmer, civil engineer, auctioneer, numismatist, and real estate dealer. He was born in this township, May 2, 1840, son of David R. and Susan (Brown) Fellows. Michael Fellows, his grandfather, was a son of Stephen Fellows, an early settler of Fremont, this county. The grandfather was a nail-maker, and worked at that trade in Brentwood until his death in 1854.

David R. Fellows spent his entire life in this town, where he was prosperously engaged in agriculture. Possessed of much business ability, he made the most of his opportunities, but was not unmindful of the welfare of his community. He died in 1871, while yet a young man. His wife, Susan, who was born and reared in Fremont, now lives with her son, D. Frank, surprisingly active, though ninety years old. To her and her husband five children were born, namely: Abbie A., now deceased; Susie F. and D. Frank, twins, the former being a resident of Melrose, Mass.; Mary J., the wife of Daniel S. Mace, of Exeter, N.H.; and Hattie M., who lives on the old homestead with her mother and brother.

D. Frank Fellows was reared in Brentwood, which has been his home for the most part since. His early education, received in Brentwood, was supplemented by three years' study at Kingston Academy under Thomas W. Knox and one year at Northfield (now Tilton) Seminary. He spent six years in Portland, Me., where he was engaged in the railway mail service. After the death of his father he established himself in business as a tanner, currier, and lumber dealer. Previously to this, from 1859 until 1862 inclusive, he had been professionally engaged as a teacher, having charge of district schools in Sandown and Fremont townships. In 1885 he settled on the parental homestead, where he has since been successfully engaged in farming. He is likewise a civil engineer, and in this capacity has done considerable surveying in the county. He is also often called on to act as auctioneer. For several years he has dealt largely in real estate, making a specialty of buying and selling timber land. He has quite a reputation as a numismatist, and has in his possession a choice collection of rare coins and stamps, some very ancient and valuable, which he prizes very highly.

On December 27, 1869, Mr. Fellows married Miss M. Lizzie Sleeper, a native of Fremont township and a daughter of Gardner and Sally Sleeper. Both her parents are now deceased, the father having passed away in 1869, and the mother in 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows have had four children, two of whom died in infancy. The others, Susie M. and Lizzie F., live at home. Mr. Fellows is a loyal adherent of the Republican party; and he is a Mason, belonging to Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, and to St. Albans Chapter, No. 15, of Exeter, N.H.

JOHN HARRISON CARR, one of the prosperous farmers of Brentwood township and a native of the county, was born in Fremont, October 22, 1845, son of John H. Carr, Sr., and Mary (Quinby) Carr. The Carr family is descended from an Englishman who came to New England in Colonial days. One of his posterity located in Fremont, where Moody Carr, the grandfather of John H., spent his lifetime, working at the carpenter's trade. Moody Carr married a Miss Sanborn, who was a lifelong resident of Brentwood.

John H. Carr, Sr., was born and bred in Fremont, where he worked as a mechanic until the breaking out of the late war. He then enlisted in his country's service, was sent with his regiment to the front, and subsequently died at Washington while in the service. He

married Mary Quinby, a native of Epping, N.H., who died in Fremont, October 20, 1894. They were the parents of five children, namely: John H., the subject of this sketch; James M., a resident of South Hampton, this county, who married Miss Jennie Blaisdell; William Edward, living in Amesbury, Mass., who married Miss Lizzie Biddle; Albinus H., who married Josie Gale, and also lives in Amesbury; and Estella, who is the widow of Elmer Spaulding, and resides in Fremont.

John Harrison Carr received a good education by attending the district school, high school, and then a select school at Fremont. When but seventeen years of age he enlisted as a soldier in Company B, Thirteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel Stephens, of Nashua. He subsequently took part in the siege of Petersburg, the battles of Fort Harrison, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom (or the James River). In the engagement at Cold Harbor he was struck by a bullet, but not seriously wounded. He was afterward discharged at Richmond, Va., and then transferred to Company C, Second New Hampshire, with which he served until the expiration of his term of enlistment. He was honorably discharged in December, 1865, and returned home and engaged in farm work. In 1870, after his first marriage, he went to live with his wife's parents, and for ten years assisted his father-in-law in the care of his farm. In 1880 he went to Brentwood, and bought his present farm. Since then he has so improved it that it is now one of the most desirable estates in the locality. It contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of land. On it he raises hay, potatoes, and grain, much small fruit, and some stock. He also keeps an excellent dairy, deriving his profit from the sale of cream.

Mr. Carr was first married November 21, 1870, to Miss Alvira M. Tuck, daughter of Israel and Rachel Tuck, of Fremont, both now deceased. She passed away November 18, 1890, leaving no children. On December 25, 1892, Mr. Carr married Mrs. Sarah Maria Bean Sanborn. A native of Sutton, N.H., she was born April 9, 1847. She was carefully reared, receiving a good education, and resided with her parents until her marriage with George O. Sanborn, who died March 4, 1891, leaving her with three children, namely: Neva, who resides in Boston; Ernest F., of Concord, N.H.; and Mary Louise, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Carr. Mr. Carr is a strong advocate of Republican principles. He has served the town as Selectman for two years. He is a member of Quascacunquan Lodge, No. 39, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Newburyport, Mass., and of the local grange. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church.

RUSSELL K. HOOK has been identified with the agricultural interests of Rockingham County for several decades, being an extensive landholder and a most able and prosperous farmer of Sandown township. He was born September 22, 1837, on the homestead where he now lives, son of Phineas and Betsey (Sawyer) Hook, both natives of Danville, this county. His paternal grandfather, Israel Hook, was for many years a hotel-keeper in Danville, and was well known throughout this part of Rockingham County as a most genial and accommodating host.

Phineas Hook was born and bred in Danville, living there until about a year after his marriage. Coming then to Sandown, he bought the homestead now owned and occupied by his son Russell, and here engaged in farming and lumbering until his demise, January 6, 1876. His wife, whose death occurred February 14, 1877, bore him four children, of whom Russell K., the special subject of this brief sketch, is the only one now living. The others were as follows: Leonard L.; George C.; and Jane C., who married William P. Sanborn, now a resident of Haverhill, Mass.

Russell K. Hook acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, and from his youth up labored industriously on the parental farm, of which he assumed the entire charge soon after his marriage, while his parents were yet living. Since succeeding to the ownership of the homestead, Mr. Hook has added greatly to its improvements, sparing neither time nor expense in accomplishing his purpose. He has four hundred acres of land,

on which he carries on general farming, raising corn, hay, potatoes; and he is also to a certain extent interested in stock growing. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party, being one of the most loyal supporters of the principles of that organization. He is active and influential in the management of town affairs, and has served as Highway Surveyor and as a member of the School Committee.

Mr. Hook was married December 31, 1871, to Miss Grace H. Moulton, who was born in Hampstead township, this county, January 14, 1851, being one of a family of seven children, whose parents were Bruce M. and Philena (Hadley) Moulton. Mr. Moulton spent his entire life in Hampstead, where he was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture throughout his days of active labor. His wife was born and reared in the neighboring town of Plaistow, but after her marriage resided in Hampstead, dying there in 1890. Three children complete the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Hook, namely: Jennie M., a well-educated young lady, now teaching school in Hampstead; Lavinia D.; and Elsie Grace. Another child, Bruce M., died in infancy. Religiously, Mrs. Hook is a conscientious member of the Baptist church.

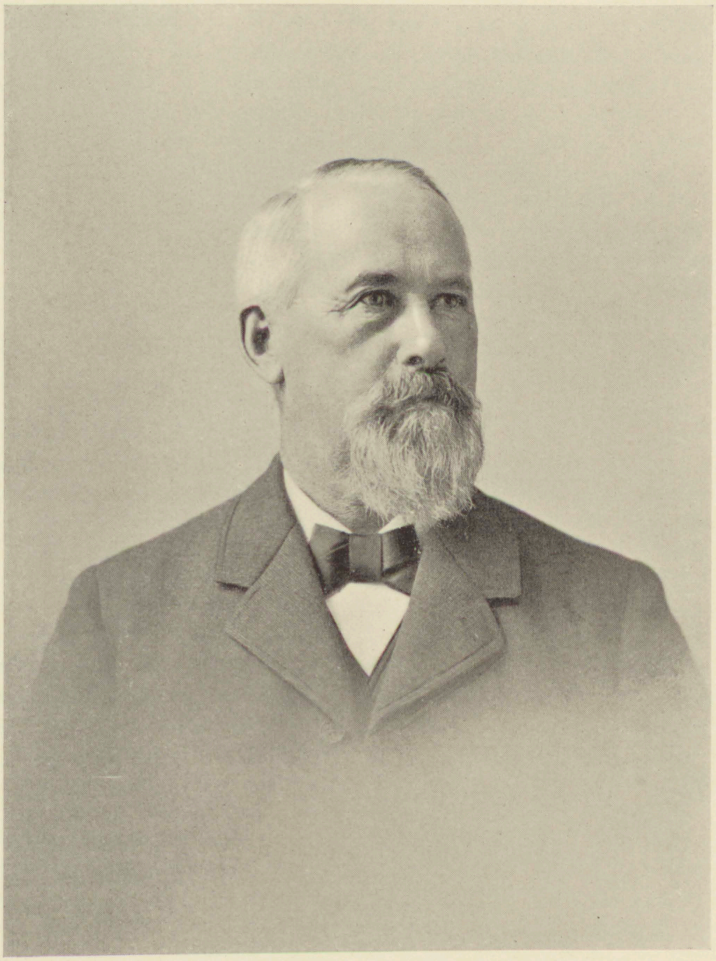
IVORY B. HILL, a prominent business man of Northwood, N.H., actively engaged as a lumber manufacturer, was born on the family homestead, November 17, 1833, son of John C. and Rebecca (Bartlett) Hill. His family has been identified with the town of Northwood for one hundred and twenty-six years, his great-grandfather, Benjamin Hill, having settled there in 1771 or 1772. Benjamin Hill, with his eldest son, fought in the ranks of the Revolutionary army; and he died at Ticonderoga. He left a large family. His son, Samuel Hill, the grandfather of Ivory B. Hill, was a native and lifelong resident of Northwood. A blacksmith by trade, he also cultivated a farm, having purchased the homestead now occupied by his grandson. He married Judith Carr, of Epping, Rockingham County, and reared the following children: Chase C., Samuel, Dudley C., Joseph, John C., Mark P., Edson, Charles C., Oliver N., Mary, and Charlotte.

John C. Hill, son of Samuel and Judith (Carr) Hill, was born on the homestead in Northwood. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked as a journeyman in Pittsfield a few years, then settled on the homestead in Northwood, of which he eventually became owner, and devoted the rest of his life chiefly to the pursuit of agriculture. In politics Mr. Hill favored the Democratic party. His wife, Rebecca, was a daughter of Philip Bartlett, of Northwood. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hill attended worship at the Baptist church. They reared three children: namely, Ivory B., Lauretta C. (Mrs. Perry), and Emily A. (Mrs. Bennett).

Ivory B. Hill, the special subject of this sketch, was educated in the vicinity of his home. He began to learn the shoemaker's trade when seventeen years of age, and followed it for twenty years; but for the past twenty years he has been interested in the lumber business, pursuing his operations in different parts of the State. In 1880 he settled in Sandwich, N.H., where he had large interests, and remained there nine years; and he was a year and a half in Alfred, Me., where he had a portable mill in operation. Since that time his business has been confined to Northwood. His work is conducted on a large scale, and he has at times had three portable saw-mills running at once. During the past season he sawed one million five hundred thousand feet of lumber.

Mr. Hill was married to Eliza A., daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail (Jones) Fogg, of Northwood, in 1854, and by this union he has four children, namely: Roscoe, a physician practising in Epsom, N.H.; Eugene P., a shoe manufacturer in Pittsfield, of the firm of Hill, Greene & Rand; Clarence I., at home; and Alice (Mrs. Ineson), living in Suncook.

Mr. Hill, though a loyal Democrat, has refused to serve his party in elective office, preferring to see others bear the burdens and wear the honors of public life. He has long been identified with the Masonic Order, being a charter member of Morrison Lodge, No. 90.



IVORY B. HILL.

JOHN SMITH, senior member of the well-known firm, John Smith & Son, florists of Brentwood, was born here May 14, 1812, son of John Smith, Sr., and Mary (Tuck) Smith. His great-grandfather, Joseph Smith, settled in Brentwood in 1752, and reared a family; and his grandfather, another John, was a Colonial soldier in the Revolutionary War.

John Smith, Sr., a native of Brentwood, was a tanner and a farmer, and followed both callings in this locality until his death in 1856. He served in the War of 1812. His wife, Mercy, who was a lifelong resident of Brentwood, died in 1868. They had seven children, of whom Edward T., Mehitabel, Charles C., and Hollis are deceased. The others are: John, Jr., the subject of this sketch; George, a resident of Kensington, this county; and Mehitabel, the wife of Benjamin Bean, of West Brentwood.

John Smith obtained his education in the public schools. He remained a member of the parental household until he attained his majority. Going then to Holliston, Mass., he was engaged in shoemaking in that vicinity until 1837. In that year he returned to Brentwood to assume the charge of the old homestead, where he has since lived. In recent years he has been assisted by his son, the junior member of the firm. The floral branch of their extensive business was established in 1860. In this industry they have met with great success, receiving large orders from all important points of the county for vegetable and flower plants and bulbs. The firm owns seventy-five acres of fertile land, mostly in cultivation. In addition to their special work in agriculture and floriculture, they keep a fine dairy, from which they sell cream. Mr. Smith and his family are consistent members of the Baptist church. In politics he has always been identified with the Republican party.

On October 29, 1834, while a resident of Holliston, Mass., Mr. Smith was married to Miss Sallie Wales. Mrs. Smith was born October 20, 1812, in Hopkinton, Mass., daughter of William and Mary (Hayden) Wales, farming people of that town. Mr. Wales died in Vermont, February 20, 1830, and Mrs. Wales in Manchester, this State, on September 29, 1880, aged ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children — Sarah and John W. Sarah, who lives in Brentwood, is the widow of the late Charles W. Baker. John W. Smith, who is in partnership with his father, was born May 31, 1844, and has always made Brentwood his home. He married January 5, 1870, Miss Hannah B. Felch, of North Sutton, N.H., and became the father of four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Freeman M., Lillian M., and Edson J. John W. Smith is a Republican in politics, and has always been identified with that party. He has served the town in nearly every office within its gift, always with ability and fidelity. Mr. Smith, Sr., and his family are members of the Baptist church. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Geneva Lodge, No. 180, of Epping, N.H., and is likewise a member of the grange at Crawley's Falls.

HORACE K. EMERY, a respected citizen of Northwood Narrows, was born in Manchester, N.H., February 11, 1862, son of John D. and Susan (Kimball) Emery. His father, who is a native of Sanford, York County, Me., has been a resident of Manchester, N.H., for the last forty-nine years, being now seventy-two years old. The greater part of this time has been devoted to his trade, tin and sheet iron working. Mrs. Emery, who was a native of Kennebunk, Me., died in 1885, at the age of sixty-one. They had the following children: Annetta A. (Mrs. Corwin), Frank A., John A., Ida E., Ella F. (Mrs. Woodbury), Lizzie J. (Mrs. Baker), Alda L. (Mrs. Page), Horace K., and Mabel B.

Horace K. Emery acquired his education in the schools of Manchester, N.H. He then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for about three years; but, having no taste for this pursuit and being quick at figures, he followed his natural bent, and learned the art of book-keeping, at which he has been employed about ten years.

On November 28, 1888, he was married to Grace M. (Watson) Marsh, half-sister of the

Hon. Charles M. Sherman, of Northwood. Mr. Emery has a pretty home at Northwood Narrows, and has been a resident of this town for ten years. As a Republican, he takes an active part in local affairs, and is at present Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Northwood. He is a Mason, belonging to Morrison Lodge, No. 90, and is also a member of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 83, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Northwood Grange, No. 293. Though not a native of the town, he is looked upon as a representative man, and occupies a high place in the regard of his fellow-citizens.

AMOS S. CLARK, an enterprising farmer and business man of Sandown, was born on the farm he now owns and occupies, October 30, 1838, son of Nathaniel Clark. His grandparents, David and Anna Clark, who were born in Haverhill, Mass., and lived there until after their marriage, moved to Salem, N.H., subsequently settling in Sandown. David Clark, who was a clothier by trade, besides cultivating a farm, engaged in the manufacture of clothing in this town, which enterprise he conducted until his death.

Nathaniel Clark continued the clothing business started by his father. Also on the home farm, of which he became the owner, he built a large saw and grist mill, and conducted it, together with his farm, until his demise in May, 1874. He was twice married. His first wife, formerly Mary French, of Danville, this county, bore him one child, Abner, who died in 1891. The father subsequently married Mrs. Anna (Allen) Wheeler, widow of Amos Wheeler, who died leaving her with one child, Elizabeth Ann, now the widow of the late Benjamin Foster, of Salem, N.H. Of the second union there were born four children, of whom Amos S. is the only survivor. The others were: Charles, who died in 1844; Henrietta; Augusta, who married the late Major George Marsden; and Mary, who died in infancy. The mother died October 22, 1868, on the home farm.

Amos S. Clark received his education in the district schools and at Tilton Academy, Northfield, N.H. He has always lived on the homestead, caring for his parents as long as they lived. On the death of the latter he succeeded to the farm. He is a large owner of real estate, which he has skilfully managed and improved. A good portion of his land is in a high state of culture. General farming is his chief occupation. He gives some attention to stock raising, and has on his farm a large grist-mill, which he operates the year round. Mr. Clark is a stanch Democrat. He has been Selectman and Town Treasurer for a number of terms; and for the past thirty years he has held the office of Town Clerk, having been first elected in 1867. In 1876 and 1877 he represented his native town in the State legislature. Mr. Clark is a valued member of the local grange. He has never married. His half-sister, Mrs. Foster, presides over his hospitable home; and with them lives their aunt, Mary R. Allen, a well-preserved woman of ninety. Religiously, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Foster are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sandown village.

WALTER J. ORDWAY, a successful painter and decorator, residing near Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in this town in 1867. He is the youngest of a family of four children—namely, George F., Annie M., Charles C., and Walter J.—born to his parents, George W. and Mary (Moulton) Ordway. The father is also a native of Epping, and has spent most of his life here, having been actively engaged as painter for many years. He learned the trade in early manhood, and also carried on farming, but is now retired, his son Walter having succeeded him in the business. The mother, who was of an old Colonial family, died in 1891.

Walter J. Ordway received his education in the Epping High School and Watson Academy, subsequently learning the painter's trade by working with his father. Mr. Ordway is a Democrat as regards State and national politics. He is interested in the sound administration of local public affairs, has served two terms as Selectman, and was solicited to accept

another nomination, but declined. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he also belongs to the Rebekah Degree of the same order. An industrious and thrifty mechanic and an upright citizen, Mr. Ordway is much esteemed by his friends and the public in general.

He was married in 1889 to Nellie J. Hopkinson, daughter of Thomas and S. Adelia (Stott) Hopkinson, of New Market, N.H. Her father, Thomas Hopkinson, was a highly respected citizen of this town.

ADDISON A. BEAN, a prominent agriculturist of Chester, was born in Sutton, Merrimack County, this State, November 1, 1845. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Bean, was distinguished as being the first male child born of white parents in the town of Sutton, N.H., where he spent his life. Asa Bean lived in Sutton for the greater part of his life, working as a farmer. Coming from there to Chester, he settled on the homestead now owned and occupied by his son Addison, and resided there until his demise, August 30, 1889. His wife, formerly Theodaty Bohonnan, was born in Washington, Vt., and died in September, 1876, in Sutton, N.H., in her seventieth year. They had but two children — Mary Eliza, who died at the age of twelve years; and Addison A.

Addison A. Bean was reared and educated in the common schools of Sutton, and until his marriage assisted his father in the labors of the farm. He subsequently carried on general farming on his own account in Sutton for five years. He then removed with his family to Chester, locating on his present homestead, then known as the Pickett farm. Mr. Bean now owns ninety-three acres of land, which he has highly improved by his persevering energy and good management. He carries on mixed husbandry and stock raising, and has quite a dairy, from which he sells milk, this latter industry being exceedingly lucrative. Mr. Bean is a true and loyal Republican. In 1890 and 1891 he represented the town of Chester in the New Hampshire legislature. He has served as Selectman of the town five years, besides holding minor offices, being at the present time township Moderator. He is an influential member of Chester Grange, No. 169, of which he was Master three years; and of the Golden Cross Society of this town. Religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, and take an active interest in all work connected with the society.

On January 7, 1869, Mr. Bean married Miss Mary E. Gordon, who was born October 10, 1847, in Sandown, this county, daughter of James W. Gordon. Mr. Gordon, who was a native of Brentwood, N.H., where he learned the blacksmith's trade when young, is a large manufacturer of low wagons at Rosemont, N.H. He subsequently became a resident of Chester, and here spent his last days, dying November 11, 1876, aged fifty-seven years. Mr. Gordon married Lucy H. Wells, of Sandown, this county, who bore him eight children, as follows: James W., who lives in Haverhill, Mass.; Susan J., who is the wife of Francis E. Roby, of Somerville, Mass.; Addie W., who died November 24, 1860, aged fourteen years; Mary E., now Mrs. Bean; John B., who is Chief of the Fire Department of Haverhill, Mass.; Lucy Isabelle, who married David Wilcox, of Oxford, N.H.; Eveline E., who died July 17, 1878, aged twenty-five years; and Charles H., an undertaker in Derry, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have no children.

JONATHAN W. PEABODY, one of the well-to-do residents of Londonderry, was born in Gilead, Me., July 20, 1821, son of Jonathan and Eliza (Coffin) Peabody. The family, which is of English origin, is said to have been founded by one of three brothers who emigrated from England and settled in Bradford, Mass., during the Colonial period, representatives of a later generation settling in New Hampshire.

Jonathan Peabody, who was born in Shelburne, N.H., having been reared to agricultural life, made farming his chief occupation. He owned a farm in Gilead, Me. He also carried on lumbering operations in Maine during the winter season, generally meeting

with good success. In politics he supported the Whig party, and was during his active period a stirring and energetic man and a useful citizen. His wife, Eliza, a native of Gilead, bore him five children, all of whom are living, namely: Eliza P., the widow of Charles Tenney, late of Londonderry; Evelyn, the widow of the late Madison Gilchrist, of this town; Jonathan W., the subject of this sketch; Orville A., of Derry Depot; and Eldridge, who is residing in Londonderry.

Jonathan W. Peabody passed his youth in Bethel, Me., where his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited. Later he made up for this deficiency in his training by taking a course at the Bethel Academy. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for some years, mostly in Londonderry, where he settled in 1843. He subsequently abandoned the trade to establish himself in mercantile business here with Arley Plumer. They carried on a large and well-stocked country store for ten years. He then engaged in general farming, undertaking carpenter's and painter's work as the opportunity offered.

Mr. Peabody wedded Mary Tenney, a native of this town and a lady who was highly esteemed for her many noble qualities. She died August 31, 1889, leaving two children — Henrietta L. and Elbridge A. Politically, Mr. Peabody is a Republican, and for many years has been a prominent figure in public affairs. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years. He was one of the organizers of Londonderry Grange, of which he has served as Chaplain. In his religious belief he is a Methodist, having been for many years an active member and a Steward of that church in this town. He has made his own way in life, securing every advancement, including his education, through his personal toil.

ARTHUR L. EMERSON, M.D., of Chester, N.H., one of the best-known and most skilful surgeons in the State, was born in Hermon, Me., April 2, 1849, son of Isaiah and Sarah (Sleeper) Emerson. Isaiah Emerson, who was a native of Weare, N.H., was a wheelwright by trade, and owned some large sawmills in Hermon. About 1853 he removed to Manchester, N.H., where he was employed for a while in the station of the Concord Railroad. He died some four years after settling in Manchester.

His wife, a native of Bristol, N.H., was a daughter of Captain Sleeper, one of the pioneers of that town. After Mr. Emerson's death she married Jonathan Emmons, a farmer and lifelong resident of Bristol. She died in August, 1886. By her first union she had thirteen children, namely: James A. B. (deceased); Nehemiah S. (deceased); Moses W., a photographer in Lowell, Mass.; Marcia, wife of Sylvanus Warren (both deceased); Mary, living in Massachusetts; John D., of Greenfield, N.H., for twenty years conductor on the Boston & Maine Railroad; Lizzie A., wife of Otis E. White, of East Saugus, Mass.; Lucian W. (deceased); Julia A., widow of Lucius Clogston, living in Vermont, who has children attending college; Joseph A., yardmaster for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad at La Crosse, Wis.; Orrin F., a dentist in Franklin Falls, N.H.; George A., an attorney of Chelsea, Mass., whose home is in Everett, that State; and Arthur L., whose name appears at the head of this article. Seven of Mrs. Emerson's sons were in the late war. Arthur L., a stanch patriot at thirteen, enlisted in 1862 in the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, but was prevented by his older brother, John D., from going into the service.

Arthur L. Emerson was obliged to earn much of the money for his higher education after leaving the common schools. When a mere lad he worked for some time in the cotton-mills in Manchester; and at fifteen years of age he went to Charlestown, Mass., now a part of Boston, to work in the retail drug store of Dr. William L. Bond, receiving at first two dollars and a half a week. In this store he remained three years; and he was subsequently employed ten years in all in the drug stores of G. H. Rogers, of Waltham, and Dr. J. R. Hayes and Dr. M. O. Carter, of Lowell, Mass. Dr. Carter is still in business. Young Emerson proved such an efficient and



ARTHUR L. EMERSON.

valuable clerk that, when he gave up his position to prepare for his profession, he was receiving twenty dollars a week, and his employer was loath to let him go. He spent three years in the school at New Hampton, N.H., and then took up the study of medicine at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me. He subsequently attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, for three winters, and received his certificate to practise in 1878.

Returning to Manchester, Dr. Emerson entered on the work of his life, rich in courage, but poor in pocket, not having sufficient funds to open an office. It was not long, however, before his ability became known; and, though in Manchester but four years, he received two official appointments, that of Assistant Surgeon of the First Regiment and of County Physician of Hillsborough County. February 5, 1883, he moved to his present residence, the old homestead of Governor Bell, in the village of Chester, one of the landmarks of this section. His practice is not bounded by the limits of the town of Chester, however; for his fame as a surgeon has spread through the State, and his success in performing difficult and delicate operations causes a constant demand for his services. He has a large medical practice, but surgery is his specialty.

Dr. Emerson was married February 5, 1883, to Elthea M., daughter of Charles and Statira (Dexter) Fish, of Manchester, N.H. Mr. Fish, who was a native of Plymouth, Mass., was an iron moulder by trade, and was foreman of the locomotive works in Manchester for a number of years. He died in 1891. His wife, who was a member of the old Carver family, was born in Frankfort, Vt. She died in 1877.

Dr. Emerson is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society. He takes an active interest in politics as a Republican, and has filled a number of official positions. He was appointed Surgeon-general of the State by Governor Sawyer, has been Treasurer of Rockingham County since 1894, and is now a candidate for State Senator. The Doctor is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of Mechanics Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lowell, Mass.; also a member of Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, of Waltham, Mass.; and of De Molay Commandery, Knights Templars, of Boston, Mass. As an Odd Fellow he belongs to Massasoit Encampment of Boston, Mass.; and as a Knight of Pythias he is a member of Lowell Lodge, No. 11, of Lowell, Mass. He holds the confidence and esteem of all who know him, both as a professional man and as a member of society.

ORIN B. LEAVITT, a farmer of North Hampton, was born there October 8, 1849, son of James R. and Elizabeth (Marston) Leavitt. He represents the seventh generation of his family. Moses Leavitt was the keeper of a tavern which had so great a reputation for its good cheer that in the year 1751 he was solicited by thirty-six of North Hampton's best-known citizens to come to their town, and open an inn for the benefit of the public there. The invitation was accepted, and Moses Leavitt established a hostelry on the site which is now occupied by the house of Mr. Eben Gove. Within the wide-open doors of the old Colonial house Mr. Leavitt dispensed creature comforts to travellers, and exchanged gossip with the village folk, with all of hearty good humor that belonged to a successful host in the old ante-Revolutionary days. Moses, the innkeeper, left a son, John, who was familiarly known as Captain Leavitt. Captain Leavitt had a son, Benjamin, who was known as Captain Ben. He also kept an inn; and he lived out his days in North Hampton, where he was born and bred, leaving a son, Philip, to perpetuate his name.

Philip Leavitt, grandfather of Orin B., was born in 1815. He lived at the tavern, farming a part of the original Leavitt estate. As the years passed, his property became more valuable. He subsequently owned a large part of surrounding lands at North Hampton Centre. He was married to Dorothy Fogg, and became by her the father of four children. These were Elbridge, James, Olivia, and Mariam. James, the father of Orin B., is the only one now living. The father died in his sixty-ninth year. James R. Leavitt was educated in the district schools. For many

years of his life he drove a stage-coach, carrying passengers and mail between North Hampton and Rye Beach.

He has always lived at the home of his youth, and the buildings on his son's place were erected by him. He married Elizabeth Marston, daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail Marston. Four of their five children reached adult life. These were James A., Orin B., Abbie E., and Sarah A. The fifth child died in childhood. James married Miss Kettell, and lives in Hudson, Mass. Abbie became the wife of Frank H. Seavey, and is the mother of five children. Sarah A., now Mrs. Fred H. Grant, is a resident of Lynn, Mass., and has two children.

Orin B. Leavitt was educated in the district schools and at the New Hampton Academy. He has since made farming his chief occupation, living at the ancestral home of the Leavitts. In 1888 he married Mary O. Drake, a daughter of Freeman and Mary (Hobbs) Drake, of North Hampton, and has since become the father of two children — James F. and Raeline A. Mr. Leavitt has been Town Supervisor for years. He also fills the office of Hearse Warden, a position which his father held with that of Tax Collector. He is a stanch adherent of the Republican party, having been formerly a Whig, as was his father, and casting his first vote for William Henry Harrison in the year 1836. He is a member of the Venus Relief Association of North Hampton. Both of his parents are conscientious members of the Congregational church, his mother having been within its fold for sixty-four years, while his father is a Deacon, and one of the most influential supporters of the society.

CHARLES E. BEAN, an undertaker of Candia, was born in this town, August 16, 1863, son of Bradley C. and Lucretia B. (Ross) Bean. The family is said to be of English origin. Its first ancestor of whom there is any authentic knowledge was James Bean, who settled in Hampton, N.H., at an early date in the history of that town. Joseph Bean, the great-grandfather of Charles E., settled in Candia upon a tract of land deeded to him by King George III. and still in possession of the family. Joseph reclaimed a farm from it, and operated the first grist-mill in this town. He married a Miss Smith, and reared a family of eleven children. His son, Daniel Bean, grandfather of Charles E., was born at the homestead in Candia, and, succeeding to its possession, managed it until his death, which took place in 1851, at the age of seventy years. He married Hannah Smith, of Raymond, N.H., and reared a family of thirteen children, six of whom are living, namely: Lucinda, the widow of Amos E. Morrison, late of Brainerd, Minn.; Judith P., the widow of Henry Walker, late of Haverhill, Mass.; Sarah, the widow of Asa Severance, late of Townsend, Mass.; Daniel S., a currier and farmer, who resides at the old homestead; Bradley C.; and Mary J., who is residing in Candia. He was a Democrat in politics, but not an aspirant to public office.

Bradley C. Bean, Mr. Bean's father, born at the family homestead, has followed farming as his chief occupation, and is well known and highly esteemed in the town. In politics he acts with the Republican party, and has served upon the School Board. His religious faith is that of the Free Will Baptists. His wife, in maidenhood Lucretia B. Ross, has had seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Homer B., who is residing in Manchester, N.H.; Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., the wife of William Lawn, of Reading, Mass.; and Sadie L., twin sister of Mary E., the wife of John Blanch, of Manchester. The others were George D., Clara M., and one who died in infancy.

Charles E. Bean acquired his education in the common and high schools of Candia. He resided at home, assisting his father upon the farm until he was twenty years old. He then entered the employ of Mr. Young, who formerly carried on the undertaking business here. Since 1892 he has followed that occupation upon his own account, being at the present time the only undertaker in town. He furnishes caskets of every description, and makes a specialty of embalming. His business calls him to all parts of this section of the county.

On January 21, 1888, Mr. Bean wedded Lillian M. Young, a native of Candia. Mrs. Bean is the mother of three children, namely: Catherine M., aged seven years; E. Everett, aged two years; and Luna R., aged seven months.

In politics Mr. Bean is a Democrat, and was for two years Supervisor of the check list. He is connected with Lodge No. 70, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is now Vice-Grand, with the Lodge of Rebeccas, and with the Order of the Golden Cross of Candia. The family attend the Congregational church.

JOSEPH M. WHIDDEN was for a number of years an extensive farmer and ice dealer of Newington, N.H., where he was well known. He was a son of Joseph and Abigail (Sevey) Whidden, and was born in Portsmouth, N.H., on August 11, 1817. His paternal grandfather, Joseph Whidden, first, was the earliest ancestor of the name to locate in Portsmouth. Joseph, second, the father of Joseph M., married Abigail Sevey, and became the father of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters, of whom but two daughters and one son are now living.

Joseph M. Whidden resided on the homestead where he was born until 1852, when he moved to Newington, engaging in the ice business, which he managed successfully for six years, selling out in 1873. He died on October 24, 1875. His mortal remains rest in the Newington cemetery. In politics he was a Republican; and, though he did not seek office, he was elected and served for a time on the School Board.

On August 28, 1844, the year when the first United States telegram was sent from Baltimore to Washington, Mr. Whidden was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Berry, daughter of William and Olive S. (Locke) Berry. Elizabeth was born in Rye in June, 1821; but her father was a native of Greenland, N.H., an adjoining town. Mr. and Mrs. Whidden had eight children: Charles G., who died May 27, 1868, aged twenty-two years; Mary O., wife of William C. Laws, of this town; Eldora A. (deceased), wife of Henry A. Searles; Frank L., who has managed the farm since his father's death, but now resides in Portsmouth; Carrie E., a teacher, who resides in Newington; Ira W., who lives in Portsmouth; Edith, wife of D. Wesley Badger; Joseph W., who resides on his farm in Newington. Mrs. Elizabeth Whidden, the widowed mother, still lives on the homestead farm with two of her children.

AUGUSTUS F. GREENLEAF, a capable and enterprising farmer, was born November 19, 1859, in Exeter, the town in which he now lives, a son of Jabez Greenleaf. His father was a native of New Hampshire, Effingham, Carroll County, having been the place of his nativity. Jabez Greenleaf spent his early life in Effingham, where he was employed in a cotton factory. Removing then to Exeter, he found work in the cotton-mills, and thus continued until his marriage in 1840, when he engaged in general farming, and also carried on a good business in the manufacture of pegged boots. He was known as a man of integrity and upright principles, and his death in 1866 was a loss to the community in which he lived. The maiden name of his wife was Huldah S. Rowell. She bore him four children, of whom Augustus F. was the youngest. Mrs. Jabez Greenleaf long survived her husband, dying March 21, 1895, aged eighty years.

Augustus F. Greenleaf obtained his education in the grammar schools of Exeter; and, as soon as he was old enough, he began to assist his mother in supporting the family. For seven years he was employed in a machine shop at Exeter; but, the confinement proving detrimental to his health, he gave up the position. He then turned his attention to agricultural employments, and has since been engaged in mixed husbandry. He has one hundred and forty-six acres of land, to which he faithfully devotes his time and attention, raising each year excellent crops of hay, corn, and the cereals common to this part of the country. Politically, Mr. Greenleaf is a stanch member of the Republican party. He has served his fellow-townsmen as Road Surveyor, and is now Assistant Surveyor, an office which he

has held the past eight years. Fraternally, he is a member of Sagamore Lodge, No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Exeter, in which he has passed all the chairs, being now Past Grand Master. He is likewise connected with the Ridgely Protective Association of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Greenleaf was married September 18, 1886, to Miss Irene C. Johnston, a daughter of Thomas Johnston, of Philadelphia, Pa. Her mother, Anna Dolloff by maiden name, was a native of Exeter and a daughter of Jesse and Hannah (Rowell) Dolloff. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf has been blessed by the birth of two children — Delbert J. and Anna Mabel. Religiously, both Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf are attendants of the Baptist church, in which they are active workers, the former having been librarian for nearly eight years.

CHARLES A. MORSE, M.D., the efficient and popular Postmaster of New Market, N.H., was born in Salisbury, Merrimack County, N.H., September 8, 1857. He is a son of Charles George and Lucy Jane (Calef) Morse. His father, who was born in Warren, N.H., when quite young learned the trade of cabinet-making, which he followed for a number of years. He subsequently turned his attention to agriculture, finding in the cultivation of his fields a healthy pleasure and profitable employment. He is now living on a farm in Durham, N.H. His wife also is still living, actively presiding over her domestic kingdom.

Charles A. Morse pursued an extended course of study in boyhood, being graduated from the academy at Penacook, N.H., before entering college. His professional studies were begun at Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1882, and were pursued in connection with the drug business, to which he devoted five years, learning thoroughly the uses of drugs and medicines. In 1882 he began to practice; and, though he has found time for many other interests outside of his professional work, he has notwithstanding steadily increased his visiting list, and grown very popular as a physician. He is a member of the New Hampshire State Medical Association, Centre District and Rockingham County, the American Public Health Association, and the American Medical Society; and he is Surgeon of the First Uniformed Rank Regiment, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire, holding the rank of Major. He is also a member of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire. On September 5, 1883, Dr. Morse was married to Anna Eveline Sanders, of New Market, who lived but a year and eight months after her marriage, and at her death left a daughter, Lucy Annie. On October 27, 1887, the Doctor married for his second wife Gertrude May Davis, of New Market, by whom also he has one daughter, Alice Gertrude.

Dr. Morse is a prominent figure in local politics. He was elected to the legislature in 1890 and 1891. He served as Postmaster of New Market during President Cleveland's first term, and is now again in office; and in educational matters his judgment is highly respected by his townsmen, who have elected him to the School Board and made him Superintendent of Schools. He is also popular as a society man and in the fraternal orders. He is Past Grand of Swamscott Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Past Chancellor of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias; and he is a prominent member of the Rockingham Club, the Granite State Club, and the New Hampshire Club. In 1896 Dr. Morse was elected one of the delegates from the New Hampshire State Society to the medical department of Dartmouth College; and in 1893 he represented the State Society at the Rhode Island State Society meeting at Providence, R.I.

JOHN W. GREELEY, of Londonderry, now entering on his seventy-eighth year, comes of the same stock that produced Horace Greeley. He was born in Amherst, Hillsborough County, March 25, 1819, son of Dustin and Sarah (Woodburn) Greeley, both natives of Londonderry. Zaccheus Greeley, grandfather of John W., was an early settler in Londonderry, where he had an extensive farm. He was the father of Horace Greeley's father, who was, therefore,

a brother of Dustin. Dustin Greeley was reared to manhood in Londonderry. After his marriage he moved to Amherst, and lived for a time in the house where his distinguished nephew and John W. first opened their eyes to the light. He subsequently went to West Haven, Vt., where he died in 1825. Of his children, James M. and John W. are living.

John W. Greeley was seven years old when his father died. Shortly after his bereavement he was bound out to a Mr. Woodbury, of Springfield, Vt., with whom he remained until of age. He obtained much of his education in the district schools of Vermont, attending during the winter season. After attaining his majority, he sought to better his fortune, and spent a short time in Massachusetts. In the fall of 1841 he came to Londonderry, and three years later he took up his residence in his present home. The estate includes a good farm of fifty acres. For a number of years Mr. Greeley worked at carpentry as well as farming. Throughout his long life he has shown a conscientious regard for the rights of his neighbors. Having risen from the condition of an orphan "bound boy" to a position of comparative independence, he may look back with pride upon his past, and find the shadow of his "vine and fig-tree" all the more refreshing.

Mr. Greeley was married May 2, 1844, to Mary A. Dodge, a native of Bedford, N.H., daughter of Benjamin and Polly (Thompson) Dodge. Mr. Dodge was a son of Isaac Dodge, a former resident of Londonderry. He has two children; and his wife was a native of Merrimack, N.H. Mr. Greeley became the father of two children: Abbie F., the wife of Henry J. Caldwell; and Eugene O. In politics he favors the Republican party. He has taken an active interest in educational matters, and taught several terms in the district school, and has served as Superintendent of the School Committee in Londonderry. Mr. and Mrs. Greeley have been connected with the Presbyterian church in Londonderry for fifty and forty years respectively. He has been an Elder in the church for a number of years, and is commonly called Deacon Greeley. Mrs. Greeley is a very interesting lady, and both she and her husband have many sincere friends.

GEORGE H. FLOYD, a retired farmer, living in Fremont, is a typical New England man. He was born May 2, 1825, in Exeter, this county, son of Samuel and Mary (Quimby) Floyd. Samuel Floyd, born and reared in the same locality, was a farmer by occupation, while he worked much of his time in a paper mill. He died in Exeter before reaching the meridian of life. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Quimby, was a native of Durham, Strafford County.

George H. Floyd was quite young when his father died. His early years were passed in Brentwood, this county, where he acquired his education. He afterward lived in Fremont until his first marriage, when he removed to Chester, where he bought and managed a small farm, and worked at his trade of shoemaking. In 1852 he disposed of his property in that town, and came to Fremont Village, which he made his home for four years. He then took up his residence on his present farm. Here he has been profitably engaged in general farming since then, bringing his land to a fine state of cultivation and adding valuable improvements. He has likewise dealt in cattle for more than thirty years, and has bought and sold much timber, his investments invariably proving successful. He now owns two hundred and fifty acres of good land in Fremont and two hundred acres in Nottingham. Since 1888 he has lived in retirement, enjoying a well-earned leisure after his many years of industrious toil. Politically, he is a firm adherent of the Republican party, and has served his fellow-townsmen in many of the minor offices of the town.

Mr. Floyd has been twice married. On February 14, 1850, he was united in matrimony with Miss Sarah B. Collins, who was born in East Salisbury, Mass., daughter of David and Sarah Collins. Her father was a farmer and carpenter. Living but a few years after her marriage, she died in 1856, having borne two children. These were: Sarah Jane, the wife of Harrison B. Ellis, a

farmer and shoemaker in this town; and John H., who died in infancy. Mr. Floyd was again married October 19, 1856, to Mrs. Betsey N. Follett. She was born in Fremont, daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Robinson) Norris, with whom she lived until her first marriage with Freeman A. Follett. She was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which she was an active worker until her demise, May 28, 1879.

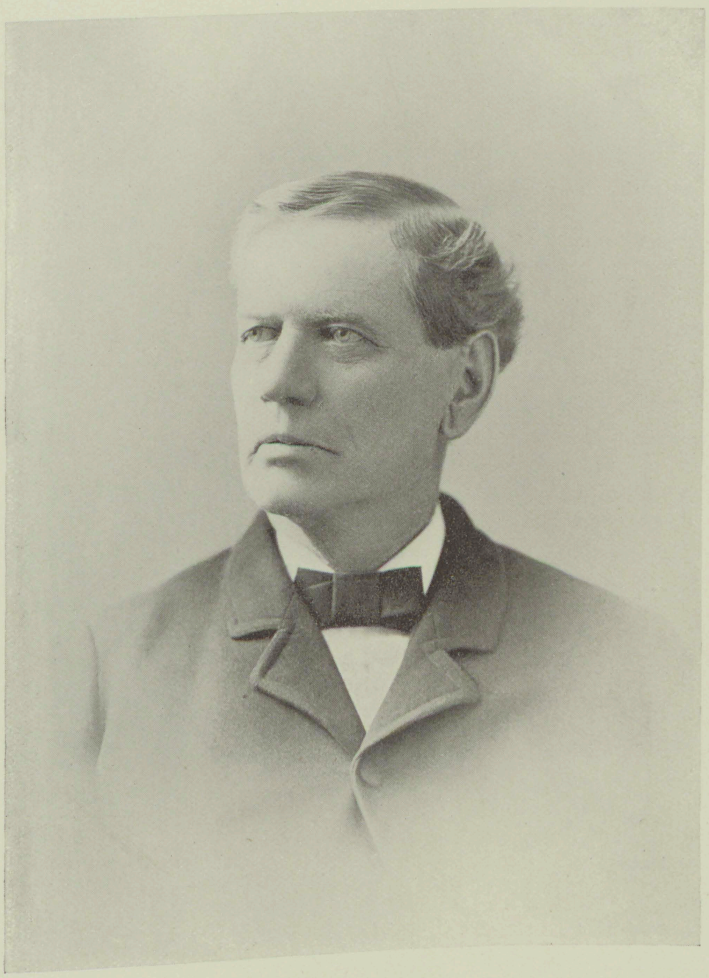
HARVEY P. HOOD, senior member of the firm of H. P. Hood & Sons (incorporated), wholesale milk dealers of Derry, N.H., was born in Chelsea, Orange County, Vt., June 6, 1823. His parents were Harvey and Rebecca (Smith) Hood, both natives of Orange County. The first of his family in that locality was his grandfather, Enos Hood, who went from Salem, Mass., when a young man, and with two brothers settled in what was then the wilderness of Northern Vermont. The sunny hills and fertile valleys offered good agricultural advantages, the streams were full of speckled trout, and the sugar maples held exhaustless supplies of saccharine treasure; and Enos Hood settled permanently in his pioneer home. Harvey Hood, son of Enos, spent the greater part of his life in his native State, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture; but his last days were passed in Derry, N.H. Four of his children are now living, namely: Harvey P., of Derry; Gilbert E., of Lawrence, Mass.; Eliza P., residing in Boston, Mass.; and Lucinda R., wife of the Rev. A. A. Smith, in Berry, Vt.

Harvey P. Hood, who is the direct subject of the present sketch, acquired his education in a district school in Chelsea and the academy at Randolph, Vt., supplementing in after years the knowledge gained there by wide general reading, so that he is now justly considered a well-informed man. He went to Boston, Mass., when twenty-three years of age, and was for some time employed in a bakery, being afterward engaged in the retail milk business in a section of the city then belonging to Charlestown, now a part of Boston. In 1856 he located in Derry, N.H., and, beginning in a small way, gradually built up an immense business. His shipments to Boston alone now average four cars of milk daily, and his business connections extend through a large part of New Hampshire. Mr. Hood's success has been gained through close attention to business, and his natural ability has been strengthened by years of practical experience. In addition to his milk trade he deals in grain to some extent; and he was for many years a Director in the Derry National Bank.

Mr. Hood and his wife, formerly Caroline Corwin, of Chelsea, Vt., have six children: Laura C., wife of J. W. Johnson, of Manchester, N.H.; Clara R., living in Lawrence, Mass.; Nellie F., wife of N. M. Smith, of Brookline, Mass.; Charles H., residing in Somerville, Mass.; and Edward J. and Gilbert H., in Derry. The incorporated company of H. P. Hood & Sons consists of Harvey P. Hood, President; Charles H. Hood, Treasurer; and Gilbert H. Hood, Secretary.

Mr. Hood is a prominent Republican, and has served for two terms in the New Hampshire legislature. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist. He is the happy possessor of a handsome residence in Derry, and he and his family are highly esteemed members of the society of the town.

FRANK H. BUTLER, farmer, a resident of Nottingham, was born in this town, November 29, 1852, son of James H. and Harriett (Amsden) Butler. Mr. Butler's great-grandfather, Henry Butler, born November 27, 1754, was one of the early and prosperous residents of the town. He served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. With his wife, Isabel (Fisk) Butler, whom he married April 11, 1776, he reared a family of eight children. Ebenezer Butler, Mr. Butler's grandfather, was born in Nottingham, March 13, 1781. He was in early life a blacksmith. Later he engaged in farming, and continued in that occupation until 1828. In this year he opened a tavern here, calling it "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," that became a popular resort for travellers. Of genial manners, he conducted it successfully until his



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death, which occurred December 25, 1850. In politics he was an active Whig, and served as Selectman for several years. One of the characteristics which made him popular was his warm public spirit. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. On October 19, 1809, he married Sally Hersey, of Sanbornton, N.H., and became the father of four children. The mother died on November 27, 1854.

James H. Butler, the eldest of his parents' children, was born in Nottingham, October 27, 1811. When a young man, he engaged in the stock business, speculating extensively in cattle, and driving large droves to Brighton, Mass., usually making the journey in four days. He later engaged in farming and lumbering operations, cutting and hauling a great deal of ship timber. Subsequently retiring from that business, he became a merchant, and had a large and prosperous trade. His death occurred May 22, 1893. For many years he was a leading spirit in public affairs, being an active and influential supporter of the Democratic party. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and for a number of years held other town offices. He was a Representative to the legislature for two terms, during which he rendered able and valuable services to the community and the State.

Mr. Butler was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Mary H. Dearborn, of Sanbornton. By this union there were two children, of whom the survivor is Mary L., the wife of Joseph N. Cilley, of this town, who has two children — Elizabeth and Joseph. Mr. Butler's first wife died June 19, 1850; and on August 18, 1851, he wedded for his second wife Harriett Amsden, daughter of Jacob Amsden, of Charlestown, N.H. She became the mother of one son, Frank H., the subject of this sketch. Both parents attended the Congregational church.

Frank H. Butler acquired the primary branches of his education in the schools of Nottingham. Subsequently, after a course at the Northwood Seminary, he finished his studies in Portsmouth, N.H. Then, returning to the farm, he engaged in agriculture, which has continued to be his occupation since.

On January 1, 1876, he wedded Euleta A. Folsom, daughter of Benjamin and Abbie Folsom, of Wayland, Mass. Mrs. Butler is the mother of three children, as follows: Harriett A., who was born October 17, 1876; Annie F., who was born March 13, 1879; and Marion, who was born March 23, 1891. In politics Mr. Butler is a Democrat, and he has served as Town Clerk for two years.

ISAAC S. DICKEY, an old resident of Londonderry, N.H., who, although fast approaching his fourscore years, is still actively engaged in tilling the soil, was born in Manchester, N.H., November 1, 1819, son of David and Martha (Perham) Dickey.

David Dickey was a native of the town of Derryfield, whose name in 1810 was changed to Manchester. He followed agricultural pursuits in connection with brickmaking, and resided there until his death, which took place in 1855. He was highly respected as an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen; and in politics he supported the Whig party. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Perham, was a native of Manchester. Of her children there are two survivors, namely: Robert, who resides in Salem, N.H.; and Isaac S., the subject of this sketch.

Isaac S. Dickey attended the district school of his neighborhood, and was reared to farm life in his native town. At the age of twenty-three he engaged in shoemaking, which, together with farming, constituted his occupation until he was forty years old. In 1842 he took up his residence in Londonderry, later removing to Litchfield, where he resided for a short time; and he then returned to this town. Some time during the fifties he settled upon his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, one of the best in this section, which, with the exception of a short interval, has since been his permanent residence.

For his first wife Mr. Dickey married Margaret Pettingill; and by this union there are four sons, two of whom, Irving T. and Henry C., died while serving as soldiers in the Civil War, Winfield Scott is no longer living, and Phineas W., the only survivor, is residing in Manchester. For his second wife Mr. Dickey

wedded Mrs. Elizabeth Farrell, of Manchester; and his present wife was Mrs. Mary J. McQueston. He has been a tireless worker during his long and busy life, never permitting an opportunity to be lost which could in any way contribute to his advancement; and he still considers himself among the active residents of Londonderry. In politics he supports the Republican party.

JOHN S. LADD, who is identified with the mercantile interests of Rockingham County, is a dealer in hardware, tinware, and house-furnishing goods in the town of Epping, where he was born October 7, 1856. His father, Daniel B. Ladd, was born in Deerfield, January, 1826, but has spent the larger part of his life in Epping. Here he married Marian Sawyer Jones, and husband and wife are still living on their well-appointed farm near West Epping.

John S. Ladd attended the district schools of this locality until he was fifteen years old, and for a year or two after that worked on the farm. Not liking agricultural work, he went to Raymond, where he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed for ten years. On September 10, 1883, he purchased the well-established business of George S. Rundett & Son in Epping, and has since conducted a brisk trade in hardware, tinware, and house-furnishing goods. Mr. Ladd carried on the business alone for some years; but on April 1, 1895, he suffered a severe misfortune, his place being destroyed by fire. With undaunted energy and perseverance, he went to work, and built his present establishment, which is a two-story brick structure, the upper story of which is used by the Masonic Lodge. On the completion of his new store Mr. Ladd took into copartnership Mr. J. L. Thompson, the firm name being J. S. Ladd & Co. This enterprising firm have an extensive trade, and carry a complete stock of goods, embracing stoves, hardware, and tinware, sheet iron, pumps, and lead pipe.

On the 20th of October, 1881, Mr. Ladd married Miss Belle M. Bagley, a daughter of Daniel B. Bagley, of Raymond, N.H. Of the children born of their union two are living — Stella Fay and Mildred Rosella. Religiously, Mrs. Ladd is a member of the Congregationalist church. Mr. Ladd is a Master Mason, belonging to Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, and is also a member of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a stanch Democrat politically and an influential member of his party in this locality. He was elected Selectman in 1891, and served one term. In 1892 and 1893 he was Auditor; and he 1896 he was elected Treasurer of the town — a responsible position, which he is acceptably filling. Although a comparatively young man, Mr. Ladd is a thoroughly representative citizen, and occupies a firm place among the leading business men of this part of the county.

CHARLES A. WILSON, a skilful and successful agriculturist of Chester, was born on his present homestead, April 19, 1843, son of Benjamin and Rhoda (Emery) Wilson. Benjamin Wilson was born in Pelham, this State, where he grew to manhood. Subsequently going to Atkinson, this county, he lived there until after his marriage. Then he came to Chester, where he resided until his demise, October 4, 1880. He bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Charles A., and there was profitably occupied in farming and lumbering. While in Atkinson, he married Miss Rhoda Emery, who bore him five children, as follows: Mehitable E., who died June 7, 1859; Andrew Jackson, who died October 15, 1852; Elizabeth I., who is the widow of the late Lucian Kent, and lives in Chester township; Benjamin Franklin, who married Miss Abby A. Rowe, and lives at Derry Depot, this county; and Charles A., the subject of this sketch. The mother passed away January 17, 1869.

Charles A. Wilson was reared on the homestead, attending the district school between seed-time and harvest, and at other times assisting his parents. After an absence of five years spent in Massachusetts, at Andover, and in Manchester and Derry, of this State, he returned to the home farm, which he has since managed most profitably. The estate contains

one hundred and twenty acres of land, devoted principally to general agriculture, although some attention is paid to stock-raising and lumbering. In politics Mr. Wilson is a sound Democrat, while he has never been an aspirant to official honors. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Abbott, who was born in Nottingham, this county, daughter of Benjamin Abbott, a farmer now living in the town of New Market, this State.

Mrs. Wilson, who lived but a few years after her marriage, died May 27, 1871, leaving no children.

SERENO A. PRESCOTT, of Brentwood, the worthy representative of an old and honored family of the county, was born, June 7, 1840, at Hampton Falls, N.H., son of Robert and Almira (Melcher) Prescott. He traces his lineage back to one James Prescott, of Standish, England, who lived in 1564. The founder of the American family was John Prescott, who in 1640, four generations later, came from England, and settled first in Boston, Mass., but later in Watertown, near by.

Robert Prescott was born, May 8, 1799, in Hampton Falls, being the sixth child of his parents, Simeon and Sarah (French) Prescott. On January 30, 1822, he married Almira Melcher, who was born April 29, 1801, daughter of Joseph Melcher. They became the parents of ten children; namely, Joseph E., Mary O., Charles Smith, Lewis F., Alvah D., Samuel M., Thomas C., George S., Sereno A., and Almon R. Joseph E., born May 23, 1823, who was married in November, 1843, to Almira Bartlett, enlisted August 1, 1861, in Company B, Third New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, served for three years in the Civil War, and died shortly after returning home, on October 30, 1864. Mary O., born April 29, 1824, was married, September 24, 1847, to Amos F. Whitney, a tanner, who was born August 23, 1820. Charles Smith was born May 14, 1826. Lewis F. was born March 5, 1828, and Alvah D., June 5, 1830. Samuel M., born September 11, 1832, served in the late war, in Company C, First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery. Thomas C., born June 14, 1835, served three years in the war with Company K, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He married, November 13, 1856, Hannah L., daughter of William Plummer. George S., born September 21, 1837, who sent a substitute to the war, married in 1859 Miss Emma Cotton, who died twelve months later, in November, 1860. On December 24, 1864, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Laura D. Sargent. Almon R., born June 28, 1843, enlisted as a fireman, April 28, 1862, in the United States naval service. In 1863 he was transferred to the South Atlantic blockading squadron, under Rear-admiral Dahlgren and Captain Creighton. On August 17 of that year he took part in the bombardment of Fort Haynes and Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, being on board the first wooden gunboat added to the iron-clad fleet on that occasion. He also shared in several other naval engagements of importance.

Sereno A. Prescott received a good common-school education. At the age of sixteen he began working on a farm in Kingston, N.H., and continued occupied there four or more years. He also sent a substitute to the war. After his marriage Mr. Prescott lived for a brief time with his father-in-law, and then purchased his present homestead in Brentwood, at that time known as the Veasey farm. He has eighty-five acres of land, the greater portion of which is in a fine state of cultivation. Hay, potatoes, and the grains usually raised in New England are his principal crops. He has been quite successful in dairy keeping, of which he makes a specialty.

On January 30, 1864, he married Miss M. A. Frances Miller, who was born, June 30, 1839, in Deerfield, this State. Mrs. Prescott's parents are Samuel and Anna (Yeaton) Miller, both natives of Merrimack County, respectively born at Chichester and Epsom. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott are the parents of six children, namely: Charles A., who lives at home; Anna F., who is the wife of E. Hale Flanders, of Amesbury, Mass.; George Y., who is at home; Ethel M., who is the wife of Winfred Varney, and lives in Rochester, N.H.; and Ida B. and Nellie W., who are both at home. In politics Mr. Pres-

cott is an uncompromising Republican, always remaining faithful to the best interests of his party. He has been Supervisor of Brentwood for one year, and has also served on the School Board.

ALVIN J. SEAVEY, general farmer and milk dealer and one of the town fathers of Derry, was born in Chester, this county, December 18, 1853. His parents were Isaac L. and Mary H. (Brown) Seavey, the former a native of Chester and the latter of the town of Fremont, in the same county. His grandfather, Josiah Seavey, was an early settler in Chester. Josiah Seavey's wife was a member of the Lane family, one of the old and respected families of Rockingham County.

Isaac L. Seavey was reared on his father's farm in Chester, obtaining his knowledge of the rudiments in the district school. He adopted agriculture as his chief occupation, and subsequently was a very successful farmer. In May, 1864, he moved to the farm now occupied by his son, and there spent the rest of his life. He was a stanch Republican. He and his wife, Mary, reared two children — Julia A. B., wife of George Converse, of Chester; and Alvin J. Both parents were members of the Methodist church.

Alvin J. Seavey, who was ten years of age when his parents removed to Derry, received the greater part of his education in this town, attending the public schools and Pinkerton Academy. He has been engaged in agriculture from early youth, and now manages his farm in the manner of one thoroughly conversant with farming. The estate covers fifty acres of arable and pasture land. Mr. Seavey raises general crops, and keeps a number of milch cows. He finds a profitable market for much of his produce, and he has a large milk trade. One of the leading farmers of the locality, he is a member and the Master of Nutfield Grange.

On December 25, 1877, he was united in marriage with Harriett, daughter of James and Katherine (Goodwin) Sefton, both residents of Derry. Mr. and Mrs. Sefton, who were born in England, reared a large family; and five others of their children are now living. These are: Elizabeth, residing in Worcester, Mass., the widow of Guy F. Orrill; James, residing in Derry; Alfred, in Holyoke, Mass.; Frederick, in Auburn, N.Y.; and Thomas H., in Derry. Mr. and Mrs. Seavey have two children, namely: Cora Kate, born June 18, 1879; and Jessie Lane, born May 3, 1886. Mr. Seavey, like his father, is a Republican. He takes a prominent part in town affairs, and has served as Selectman for three years. Well advanced in Masonry, he is Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge of Derry; and he is a member of Derryfield Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Derry Depot. Both he and Mrs. Seavey are members of the First Congregational Church at East Derry.

JOHN SCRIBNER, who for many years was recognized as one of the leading farmers of Rockingham County, was born here, June 1, 1822. He was a son of Elisha Scribner, Sr., also a native of this town, who, after spending his lifetime here, passed away in 1856.

John Scribner became a farmer from choice rather than necessity, having a natural taste and aptitude for the occupation in which he was reared. The remarkable success which he met with proved the wisdom of his selection. By dint of persevering toil, he brought his land to a condition of high cultivation, and made such improvements on the property that it now stands as a monument to his industry, enterprise, and skilful management. He was a stanch Republican in politics, taking an active interest in all schemes conducive to the public benefit; and he served in a praiseworthy manner in various town and county offices.

Mr. Scribner was three times married. His first wife, Mary E. (Currier) Scribner, who was born December 14, 1824, in Sandown, N.H., was a daughter of John and Polly (Locke) Currier. She died June 22, 1853, leaving one child, Mary Ellen, who became the wife of Dr. Fred. I. Drown. Mr. Scribner subsequently married Miss Olive R. P. Packer, who was born in Greenland, this county. She lived but a short time after her



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marriage, having borne a daughter, Sarah Ida, who has also passed away. On March 25, 1861, Mr. Scribner contracted a third marriage with Miss Sarah A. Stevens, who survives him, and now occupies the home farm. Mrs. Scribner is a native of Danville, this county, and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Hooker) Stevens, both natives of the same town. Mr. Stevens, who was a farmer, spent his entire life in the place of his nativity, and died there in 1850. His widow is still living, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Scribner. She had nine children, six of whom are yet living. Of the last union of Mr. Scribner one child was born, S. Olive, now the wife of Frank W. Clarke, of Anoka, Minn. Mr. Scribner died June 27, 1863.

EDSON E. PEASLEE, an enterprising lumber manufacturer of Plaistow, N.H., and an ex-member of the State legislature, was born in this town, August 20, 1847, son of Daniel and Abigail W. (Peaslee) Peaslee. Mr. Peaslee's paternal grandfather, Joab Peaslee, was a native and lifelong resident of Plaistow, and for many years was one of the prosperous tillers of the soil. As a sturdy, upright man and a useful citizen, he was accorded the sincere good will of his fellow-townsmen. He lived to reach the age of sixty-three years. In politics he was a Democrat, and in his religious views a Baptist. He married Elizabeth Eaton; and they reared a family of ten children, of whom Daniel, Mr. Peaslee's father, was the second born. Mrs. Elizabeth E. Peaslee died at the age of seventy years.

Daniel Peaslee was born in Plaistow in February, 1812; and in early life he was here engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1850 he moved to Haverhill, where he continued in the same line of business for some time, and, returning to Plaistow, resumed his connection with the lumber industry, which he followed successfully during the rest of his active period. The last seven years of his life were passed in retirement, and he died at the age of eighty years. Among his associates he bore a high reputation as an able and conscientious man, and entire confidence was placed in his honesty and integrity. Politically, he acted with the Republican party; and he ably served for one term as a member of the Board of Selectmen. His wife, Abigail W. Peaslee, who is a daughter of the late James Peaslee, of Newton, N.H., became the mother of ten children, five of whom are living, namely: Lorena A., a resident of Plaistow; Ellen, wife of Valentine B. Sawyer, of Newton, N.H.; Ada S., who is residing in this town, is a noted artist in oil, crayon, and china painting; Edson E., of Plaistow, to be further mentioned; and Frank D., who married Alice, daughter of Daniel Chase, of Newton, and has one son — Arthur F. Mr. Peaslee's father was a member of the Baptist church, with which his mother, who is now living at the age of eighty years, is also united.

Edson E. Peaslee in his early childhood attended the common schools of Plaistow, and later pursued more advanced studies in Suffield, Conn. When a young man, he engaged in business for himself, afterward taking charge of his father's lumber enterprise; and he has since displayed a great amount of energy in carrying it on. His saw-mill, which is located here, manufactures a million feet of lumber per annum, and employs an average of fifteen hands, thus being of immense benefit to the wage-earning people of this town. His progressive methods and advanced ideas are a stimulus to the business interests of the locality, and he has become widely and favorably known as a worthy successor to his father in continuing an industry so long established.

On October 10, 1877, Mr. Peaslee married Harriett A. Peaslee, daughter of Reuben Peaslee, of Plaistow. Mr. and Mrs. Peaslee are social favorites, being prime movers in many of the important society events here; and they are members of the Baptist church. Mrs. Peaslee also is an artist of much ability. Many of her pictures have taken premiums at fairs both in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

In political circles Mr. Peaslee is regarded as a leader, being an earnest supporter of the Republican party. For a number of years he was Town Auditor and a member of the Board of Selectmen; and he was elected for a term of two years a representative to the legislature,

where his natural ability was displayed to advantage. Though he is occupying no public office at present, he still exercises a deep influence among his party associates.

ALBERT C. LANE, a well-known merchant and Town Clerk and Treasurer of Stratham, N.H., was born in this town, June 22, 1853, son of Enoch M. C. and Mary (Seavey) Lane. The family, which is of English origin, was founded in this country by William Lane, who emigrated at an early period in Colonial history The first ancestor to settle in Rockingham County was Joshua Lane, who became a resident of Hampton; and to his son the Stratham branch of the family trace their lineage in a direct line. Mr. Lane's paternal grandfather, Samuel Lane, was a stirring and successful farmer in this town, who also carried on a tannery, and was a prominent man of his day. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. He supported the Whig party in politics, and served in his turn as Town Clerk, an office which has been held by representatives of the Lane family for several generations. He died at the age of sixty-seven years.

His son, Enoch M. C. Lane, Mr. Albert C. Lane's father, was born in Stratham. In young manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, and at a later period in life he engaged in tilling the soil at the homestead which he inherited, and has been both progressive and successful. He has occupied a leading position in political affairs, having served at various times as a member of the Board of Selectmen. For many years he has figured conspicuously as a member of the Congregational church, of which he is a Deacon; and he is to-day one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Stratham. He married, January 13, 1842, Mary A. Seavey, born May 13, 1819, daughter of Captain William and Elizabeth (Ayer) Seavey, of Rye, N.H., and a direct descendant of Governor John Langdon, of Portsmouth. Captain Seavey was a prominent citizen of Rye and a stanch Democrat. He held the various town offices, and he also represented Rye several terms in the State legislature.

Deacon and Mrs. Lane have six children now living out of a family of nine, namely: Caroline, who is now Mrs. Wiggin, and resides in Stratham; Mrs. Fanny Haven, of this town; William S., a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Henry S., of Springfield, Mass.; Albert C., the subject of this sketch; and Warren L., who resides in Springfield. They have been bereft of three: John T., Charles S., and Susan E.

Albert C. Lane acquired his education in the common schools of Stratham, and was reared to farm life at the family homestead. He was engaged in gardening until 1888, at which time he entered mercantile business in this town, and has since successfully conducted a first-class general store.

On April 25, 1877, Mr. Lane wedded Mary E. Brown, who was born in Georgetown, Mass., May 21, 1853. They have two children: Mildred L., who was born in October, 1890; and Edith C., who was born in January, 1894. Another child who was born to them died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Lane is a Republican. He has held the office of Town Clerk and Treasurer since 1890, was reappointed a Justice of the Peace in 1895, and is a very public-spirited citizen. Both he and his wife are social favorites here, and are members of the Congregational church.

JAMES H. EMERSON, a lifelong farmer of Hampstead, born here on September 5, 1830, is a son of Daniel and Ruth K. (Connor) Emerson, and a descendant of one of the earliest pioneers of this town. His great-grandfather, Robert Emerson, was the third settler to locate here with his family. This ancestor and his son Caleb, the grandfather of James H., gained their livelihood by tilling the soil. Daniel Emerson learned the cooper's trade, which he followed first in the employment of others, and later on his own account. He also conducted for many years a good farm of one hundred acres here in Hampstead; but when the combined cares of his trade and farm, by reason of advanced years, proved too great for his strength, he disposed of his cooperage,

and thereafter gave his whole attention to his farm. He died April 17, 1863, sixty-one years of age. His wife, Ruth K., a daughter of James Connor, having survived him thirty-two years to a day, died April 17, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four sons are living; namely, Daniel H., James H., Horatio B., and William A. James H. Emerson, since completing his education in the common schools of Hampstead, has given his attention to agriculture and carpentering. He has a well-kept and productive farm, and is one of the leading agriculturists of the town. On November 10, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Woodman, a daughter of Dr. Benjamin E. and Ann (Clement) Woodman, of this town. Mr. Emerson and his wife have a son and two daughters — Charles H., Ruth A., and Mary L. Charles H., born September 22, 1860, married on November 2, 1895, Miss Anna Bartlett, daughter of O. S. Bartlett, of Derry, N.H., and has one child, Louise W., born July 6, 1896. Ruth A., born December 22, 1866, married Arthur Little, of this town, May 27, 1891. Mary L., born December 16, 1871, on October 17, 1894, became the wife of Harry I. Noyes, of Atkinson, N.H., and has one daughter, Caroline Ruth, born December 8, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson are attendants of the Congregational church. In politics he is a Republican; and, beginning in 1884, he served a two-year term in the lower house of the State legislature. He was on the School Board of the town five years, and he filled the office of Town Treasurer for six years.

WILLIAM S. HAZEL, the Assistant Postmaster of Portsmouth, is a native of New Castle, N.H., born August 30, 1852. His father, John S. Hazel, who was born in Demerara, South America, and educated at Dublin College, Ireland, came to this country when about thirty years of age, and was engaged for some time as clerk in a drug store at Portsmouth, this county. He married Martha A. Rand, of New Castle, and became the father of four children. Poor in health, though a bright, intellectual, and highly educated man, he died in 1859, at the age of forty-two years.

William S. Hazel, the eldest son of John S. Hazel's children, came with his parents to Portsmouth when about twelve months old. He availed himself of all the educational advantages offered by the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen, at which time he went to work in the book and stationery store of James H. Head. He had been in Mr. Head's employment and that of his successor for eight years, when he left it to accept the post of City Messenger and Clerk of the Fire Department. After efficiently discharging the duties of that office for two years, he obtained a desirable position as clerk in the bookstore of Mercer Goodrich. He continued in this employment for more than sixteen years, during which period he won a high place in the esteem of his employer and of the large number of people who frequented the store. Having been appointed Assistant Postmaster, he left in May, 1893, with the sincere good will of Mr. Goodrich.

In politics Mr. Hazel is a Democrat. He was clerk of Ward 3 from 1876 to 1886. He served on the Board of Aldermen during the years 1879 to 1880, declining a third nomination therefor, and represented the city in the State legislature of 1887 and 1888, having been a member of the Banking Committee. A friend of healthful sports and pastimes, Mr. Hazel is a member of the Portsmouth Athletic Club. He also affiliates with St. John's Masonic Lodge, No. 1, of which he is Past Senior Warden; with Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past King; with Davenport Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, of Portsmouth; with Osgood Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand; and with Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, of which he is Past Senior Warden.

NATHAN G. HOWARD, a well-known agriculturist and a respected resident of Newfields, was born in South New Market, now Newfields, February 15, 1847, son of John N. and Nancy (Smith) Howard. His grandfather, Joel

Howard, was among the early settlers and pioneers of Rochester, N.H., where he passed the greatest part of his life in general husbandry. He and his wife, Sally (Nutter) Howard, became the parents of four children, three of whom still survive, namely: Hannah, who is now Mrs. George Varney, of Newfields; Mary K., who resides at Newfields, and is the wife of Paschal Hall; and Frank. The father spent the last days of his very industrious and energetic life at Fremont, N.H., where he died at a good old age.

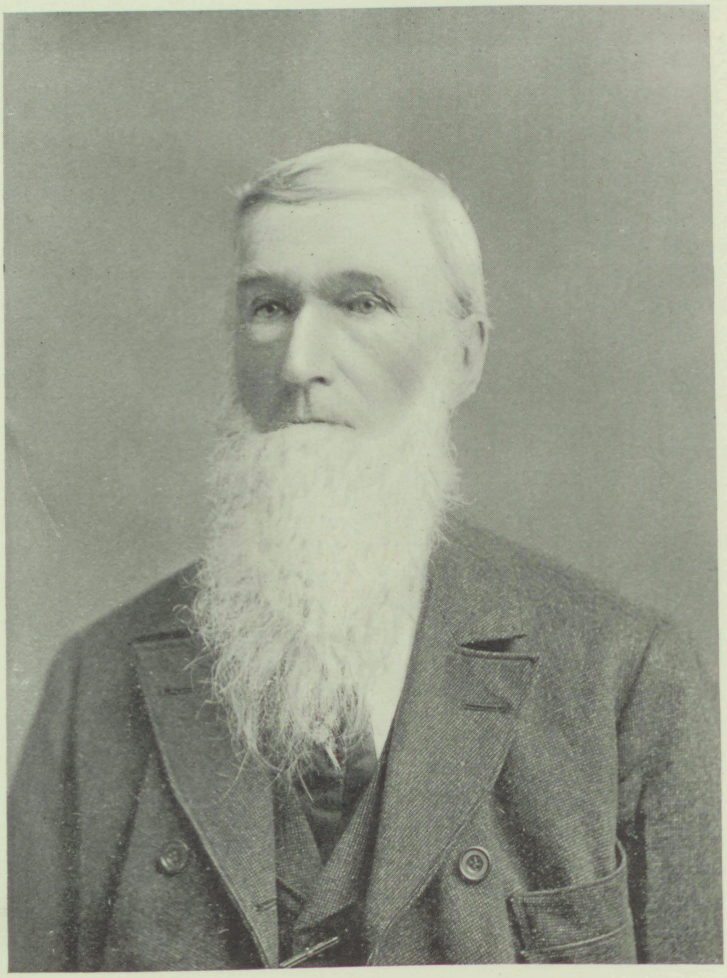
John N. Howard, a native of Rochester, who was the eldest of his parents' children, also spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He resided for the most part at South New Market, where with his family he settled in 1856, on the farm now occupied by Nathan G. He subsequently came into possession of the estate. It contained about seventy-five acres. On it he passed the greater part of his life, occupied in making the first improvements, as well as in its cultivation. His union with Miss Nancy Smith, a native of Epping, N.H., was blessed in the birth of four children, three of whom are yet living. They were: Nathan G., the subject of this sketch; Sarah E., who is the wife of Samuel Neal, and resides in Newfields; William H., resident of North Fryeburg, Me.; and John A., now deceased. The father was a good man, and an industrious and progressive agriculturist. His demise occurred September 1, 1880. The mother still survives him, residing in Newfields.

Nathan G. Howard attained to man's estate in his native town, in the public schools of which he obtained his intellectual preparation for the duties and responsibilities of life. He has been engaged, more or less, in various lines of mercantile activity, including the ice business; but he has devoted his attention chiefly to general husbandry and lumbering. He now has landed property in Newfields, Exeter, and Epping, possessing in all about one hundred and forty-five acres of land. As a business man, he is industrious, enterprising, and progressive. On July 4, 1872, he was joined in matrimony with Miss Anna Stover, who was born in Bowdoin, Me., February 17, 1848, a daughter of Warren and Betsy (Eaton) Stover. Her father died at the advanced age of seventy years, while her mother still lives, making her home at Kittery, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Howard have two children, namely: George M., born March 22, 1873, who now resides at Exeter, N.H.; and Eva M., who was born October 8, 1888.

Mr. Howard participates actively in the social life, and is earnestly interested in the civic affairs, of the community. Yielding to the solicitation of his fellow-townsmen, he has served them in responsible public positions. He has been Selectman for two terms, and for three years he has officiated as Town Collector. He has affiliation with the order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Fraternity Lodge, No. 56, of Newfields; and he also fraternizes with the Golden Cross, being identified with Newfields Commandery, No. 238, in the same town. In political belief he is associated with the Republican party. Regarding religion he holds liberal views, though his wife is in fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal church of Newfields.

ANDREW BROWN, a gunsmith of Fremont, is one of the most active and successful business men of the town, and holds a high position among its most esteemed citizens. He was born here, March 11, 1844, son of John and Mary (Tilton) Brown. The father was a lifelong resident of Fremont, where his death occurred October 27, 1895. He was a carriage-maker, and worked at that trade more or less throughout his life. About fifteen years prior to his decease he established the gun shop now owned and occupied by his son Andrew, where he engaged in the manufacture of firearms, and succeeded in acquiring a very profitable business. His wife, who spent her early years in Sandown township, passed away Aug. 30, 1886. Their children were: Andrew, the subject of this sketch; Lowell N., who died about the year 1879; Freeman, now an engineer living in Haverhill, Mass.; J. Tilton, a machinist, residing in Boston; and an unnamed child that died in infancy.

Andrew Brown received a practical education in the common schools, and afterward



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worked with his father in making guns until he was twenty years of age. Having become familiar with this trade, he then went to Massachusetts, where he followed it for five years, spending the first two years in Worcester and the last three in Boston. He then returned to Fremont to assist his father, whose increasing business demanded more attention than he was able to devote to it. On the death of his father he assumed the charge of the business, and has successfully conducted it since. He now has an extensive trade, mostly custom, in firearms of all descriptions. His goods have a wide reputation; and guns, shot-guns, rifles, etc., bearing his name, may be found throughout all of the New England States. In addition to manufacturing Mr. Brown does all kinds of repairing. He also carries a full line of sporting goods and cutlery, his stock being one of the most complete to be seen in any store of the kind.

In politics Mr. Brown is a firm adherent of the Republican party. He was Town Clerk for four years, and for eleven and one-half years he was Postmaster of the village. He is a Mason of Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, of Epping, N.H., and an Odd Fellow of Juniata Lodge, No. 19, of Raymond Village, N.H.

PLUMMER CHESWELL, who was employed as foreman for thirty years in the Manchester Locomotive Works, and is now retired from active work, living on a beautiful farm in Chester township, N.H., was born in New Market, Rockingham County, May 4, 1824. His parents were Joshua B. and Elizabeth K. (Plummer) Cheswell, the former a native of Northwood, the latter of Londonderry, N.H. For some years in the early part of the century Joshua B. Cheswell conducted a grocery and provision store in Boston, Mass., one of the first markets in Boston. Returning to Rockingham County, New Hampshire, he engaged extensively in building, and while living in Londonderry was superintendent of the stone works at Milford. Later, moving to Manchester, he helped to build the dams there; and he managed a market in Manchester for twenty-five years. The latter part of his life was spent in Chester, where he followed the pursuit of agriculture, having purchased a good farm. He died in Chester at the age of sixty-seven. His wife lived to be eighty-six years of age. Seven children were born to this couple, of whom only the eldest and youngest are now living, namely: the subject of this sketch; and his sister Olive, who is the wife of Nelson Gillingham, a farmer of Chester. The others were named Martha, Sarah, Elizabeth, Sophronia, and Jane.

Plummer Cheswell received a common-school education. At the age of twenty he began to give his time to learn the shoemaker's trade, and he worked at the bench some five years. He then entered the machine-shop at Manchester, where he worked eight years, rising to the position of foreman; and from there he went to the Manchester Locomotive Works, where he had charge of putting the engines together. Mr. Cheswell built the old "Pioneer," the first engine completed at the Manchester works; and he superintended the labor on all the White Mountain engines now in use. After thirty years of efficient service he retired, settling on his farm in Chester, a fine estate of forty acres; and for some years he was quite active as a general farmer. He is now practically retired. Mr. Cheswell has a handsome residence, and has made many improvements on his farm. His business career was a successful one, and he is now enjoying the holiday which naturally follows an extended season of close and fruitful application to labor.

He was married in 1879 to Miss Marion E. Carr, who was born in Springfield, N.H., September 12, 1840, daughter of Joseph and Clarissa H. (Blackmore) Carr. Mr. Carr was foreman in the Print Works yards in Manchester for a while, and he was subsequently in business with his son, an apothecary of that city; and during a great part of his life he was also engaged in farming. He died in Manchester, where his wife also closed her eyes forever.

Mr. Cheswell takes an active interest in politics as a Republican; but, though many offices of trust have been offered him, he has refused to act in a public capacity. He is a popular member of society, highly esteemed throughout the community in which he dwells.

MICHAEL VAUGHAN, who was born in Portsmouth, November 24, 1775, belonged to one of the early established families of New England, the Vaughans having originated in England, whence at a very early period three brothers bearing that name came to this country. One settled in Massachusetts, one located among the rugged hills of New Hampshire, while the third sought the wilds of Maine as a favorable place in which to establish himself. Representatives of several generations of this honored name have been associated with the building up of Portsmouth, among them being William Vaughan, the father of Michael, who spent his life here. He was a shoemaker by trade, and for many years was keeper of the almshouse. He was a man of intelligence, greatly respected for his integrity and probity, and was long a leading member of the Universalist church. He married Catharine Broughton, of this place; and they became the parents of ten children, the number of sons and daughters being equal.

Michael Vaughan, who was the eldest son, followed the sea when a young man, and for thirty years was Captain of a coaster running between Portsmouth and Boston. He was a man of prominence in advancing the higher interests of his native town, and was a stanch member of the Universalist church, bringing up his children in the same liberal faith. He was a Mason, belonging to St. John's Lodge, No. 1. In 1795 he wedded Mary S., daughter of Captain John Moore, of Kittery Point, and grand-daughter on the maternal side of William Snow, a sea captain, who emigrated from Bristol, England, to Maine, locating at Kittery, of which he was one of the original proprietors. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan had six children, of whom but one is now living — Elizabeth M., still a bright and energetic woman, though eighty-two years old. Mr. Vaughan died while in the prime of middle life in 1827.

Miss Elizabeth M. Vaughan was bred and educated in Portsmouth, where she has spent her long and useful life. In her younger days she was actively employed with her needle in making children's clothes, afterward having a store or shop in town, where for some years she carried on a brisk trade in the sale of miscellaneous articles. She is a woman of estimable qualities, and held in high regard throughout the community in which she has lived so long, and where she is pleasantly passing her declining years.

JAMES F. KNIGHT, a well-known farmer of Epping, Rockingham County, was born in the town of Lee, Strafford County, N.H., in September, 1833. His parents were Joseph and Tamson (Caswell) Knight, both being natives of the same county. The father early in life learned the trade of stone-cutter, which he followed for many years. He was a member of the town militia, and his quiet tastes and steady habits won for him an excellent reputation in the community. In 1862 he closed his earthly career; but his good helpmeet lived to be eighty-three years old, dying December 6, 1887.

James F. Knight's educational opportunities were limited, owing to his parents' moderate circumstances. At the age of thirteen he left the parental roof, and began to shift for himself. He spent four years on a farm, working for his board and clothes, and then learned the shoemaker's trade; but after three years' experience of that handicraft he returned to farm labor. Two years later he engaged as baggage master and depot agent for the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, settling in New Market Junction, N.H., and remaining there seven years. For the next eighteen months he was in the mercantile business, finally selling his establishment to re-engage in railroad service, and attending switch for a year. Returning to New Market, he again served as baggage master and station agent, this time for over six years. In 1874 he purchased his present farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty-five acres, which he uses to good advantage in general farming. In politics he holds firmly to the principles of the Republican party, and has served the town as Road Commissioner, though he is by no means a seeker after office.

Mr. Knight was married in 1862 to Statira Nelson, a daughter of John Nelson, of Eliot,

Me. He and his wife have five living children — Joseph E., Frank W., Fred H., Fannie, and Lulu S. Knight. Mr. Knapp has attained his present comfortable and honorable position in life mainly through his own unaided efforts and by dint of the success-compelling qualities of energy, perseverance, and thrift. He bears an excellent reputation as a worthy citizen and good neighbor, and may fairly be classed as a representative man of his locality.

PERLEY R. CURRIER, a man of enterprise and push, now devoting his attention to agriculture in the town of Fremont, was born here June 15, 1844. His grandfather, Timothy Currier, who was born in East Kingston, this county, was the first of the family to come to Fremont. His father, the late Ezra Currier, also a native of this town, was a farmer in good circumstances, and resided here until his demise, in February, 1892. Ezra married Miss Mary Spofford, a native of Danville, this county, and became the father of two children — Perley R. and Osmond S. The latter, who married Miss Sabra Diamond, is now engaged in the manufacture of boxes in Haverhill, Mass. The mother passed away in 1889, three years prior to her husband's death.

Perley R. Currier remained at home until he married. Then he took up his residence near by. Here he was burned out, after which he moved to the farm he now occupies. He has here thirty-five acres of land, on which he raises the crops common to this part of the country. He also owns timber and other land, amounting to about one hundred and thirty-five acres. When a young man, Mr. Currier embarked in the meat business, and for twenty-eight years drove a meat cart in this vicinity, having an extensive and profitable trade. This branch of his business he gave up in 1895, and has since confined his attention to mixed husbandry, which brings him in a good yearly income. Mr. Currier is a steadfast Democrat. He is a Mason of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, St. Alban's Chapter of Exeter, and Trinity Commandery of Manchester.

On July 4, 1870, Mr. Currier married Miss Laura A. Hoyt, who was born October 14, 1847, in Danville, N.H., daughter of Nathan and the late Sarah (Hooke) Hoyt. Mrs. Hoyt died July 25, 1879, while Mr. Hoyt now lives in North Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Currier have had one child, Lucy May, now the wife of Eugene D. Sanborn.

STEPHEN H. DAVIS, the efficient and wide awake manager of the Sovereigns of Industry's general store at New Market, was born in Lee, N.H., April 15, 1842, a son of Wier and Sarah (Dockum) Davis.

Wier Davis was a native of Lee; and his birth took place in the same house as did subsequently that of his son, Stephen H. The old Davis farm, which he inherited from his father, has been owned by the family for at least two generations. Wier Davis was an upright, conscientious man and a worthy citizen, whose life was devoted chiefly to the cultivation of his farm. What time he could spare from his every-day duties was given to church work, in which he was deeply interested. He died July 22, 1893, having labored earnestly for the moral and religious welfare of the community, and leaving as a legacy to his surviving associates and fellow-townsmen the memory of a useful life, devoted to deeds of kindness and Christian charity. His wife, Sarah Dockum Davis, who was a native of Durham, N.H., died April 14, 1890.

Stephen H. Davis in his youth attended the district schools, and also received a limited amount of instruction at a private school, residing with his parents upon the farm until reaching the age of twenty-one. He started business life as a tinware pedler, which occupation he continued for one year, and then transferred his energies to the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for a year and a half. For the two following seasons he was employed in a saw and grist mill. Butchering next engaged his attention; and he remained at it two years, at the end of which time he became a clerk in a grocery store, where he obtained a practical experience, lasting twice as long. On August 12, 1878, he

was appointed manager of the general store of the Sovereigns of Industry in this town. This establishment is devoted to traffic in a varied line of merchandise, consisting of groceries, provisions, crockery, and glassware, together with many other articles necessary for domestic use; and in its superintendence Mr. Davis has fully demonstrated his ability as a far-sighted and enterprising business man.

Mr. Davis has been three times married. For his first wife he wedded Fanny A. Young, of Durham, who died in September, 1873. In November, 1875, he was united in marriage to Annie M. Sanborn, of Exeter, who died July 6, 1893, leaving two children — Sadie M. and Francis A., the last-named being now engaged in assisting his father. His present wife, whom he wedded July 31, 1895, was before marriage Carrie O. Chesley, of Durham. Politically, Mr. Davis is a Republican, and is quite active in local affairs, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is at the present time Town Treasurer. In his religious views he is a Methodist, having been a Trustee of the church for the past fifteen years. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Congregational church.

JAMES F. YOUNG, a prominent citizen of Londonderry, commanding the respect and confidence of both social and business circles, is a native of Manchester, N.H. He was born November 15, 1831, son of Israel and Esther (Stevens) Young. Israel Young, who was a native of Manchester, removed to Londonderry in the thirties, and died here a few years later. Of the children born to him and Esther Stevens Young, his wife, the following survive: Charles E., Zebedah H., James F., and David H.

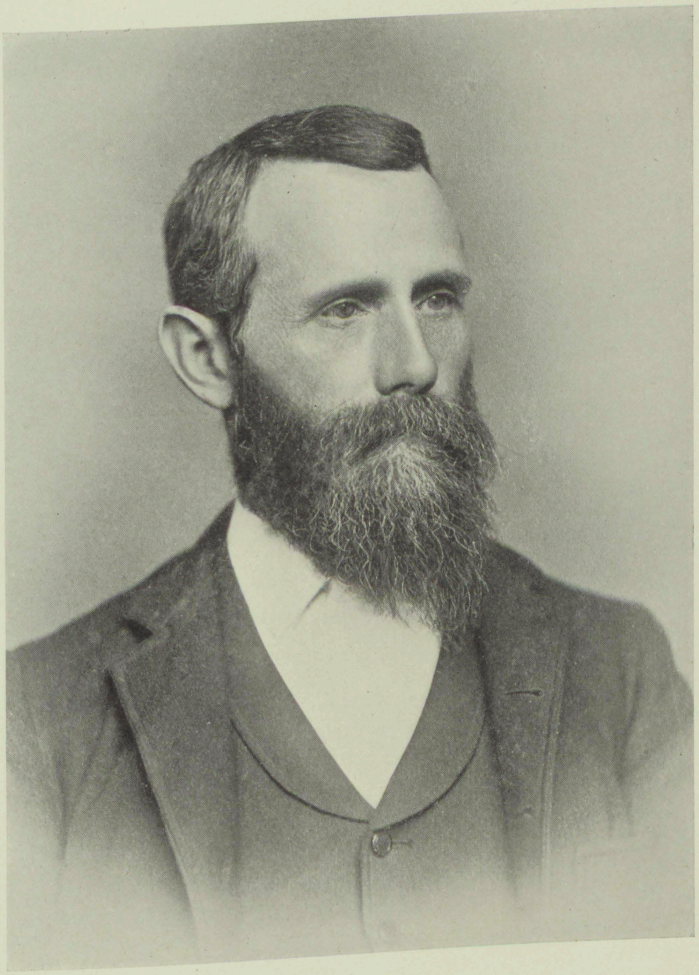
As he came to Londonderry when but a small boy, James F. Young was educated in the public schools of this town. When about sixteen years old, he began working at the shoemaker's trade; and he followed that occupation until about thirty years of age. He then purchased his present place, a well-improved farm of one hundred acres, on which are a fine residence and comfortable and conveniently arranged barns and outbuildings, all of which indicate the thrift and good management for which the owner has won a reputation. He carries on general farming with profitable results.

Mr. Young married Miss Elizabeth Wilkins, daughter of the late Daniel Wilkins, of Londonderry. Eight children have been born to them; namely, Annie C., Charles F., Wesley J., Frederick A., William D., Mary E., John H., and Walter S. All are living except Charles F. and John H.

As was his father before him, Mr. Young is a stanch Democrat. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian church, and the family are highly esteemed members of society.

ALBERT F. B. EDWARDS, a prominent farmer and manufacturer of lumber in the town of Chester, N.H., was born in Charlestown, Mass., August 23, 1844, a son of Samuel W. Edwards.

Samuel W. Edwards was born in Newfane, Vt., where he lived until after the death of his mother, which occurred when he was but twelve years of age. From that time he took care of himself, working at different occupations and in various places. Going to Massachusetts, he lived for a while in Worcester, then in Boston, and eventually settled in Charlestown, now a part of the city of Boston. Establishing a bakery, he built up a good business, living there until 1846. Having accumulated some means, he then came to Rockingham County, and bought a farm in Chester, on what is now known as the North Pond road, where he engaged in farming and shoemaking for many years, afterward assisting his son Albert F. B. in the saw-mill. He died on January 16, 1878. His wife, formerly Sarah Underhill, a native of Boscawen, this State, whom he married in 1838, while a resident of Charlestown, outlived him several years, passing away January 17, 1895. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Cornelia, who died when young; Frank, who died in infancy; Albert F. B.; Isabella N., wife of John Clifford, of Manchester, N.H.; Loren C., who died in 1861; Howard P., who died in the same year; and Charles H., who mar-



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ried Malita J. Knights, and now lives on the old homestead in Chester.

Albert F. B. Edwards attended school, and assisted in the labors of the home farm until eighteen years of age. Inspired by earnest patriotism, he enlisted September 16, 1862, in Company K, Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, for nine months, going out under command of Captain B. F. Hall and Colonel J. W. Kingman. For eleven months he endured the hardships of camp and conflict, his regiment being a part of General Banks's force on its expedition to New Orleans and in active service at the siege of Port Hudson. Mr. Edwards was here under fire, but marvellously escaped injury when the barrel of his gun was burst by a passing ball. With his comrades Mr. Edwards returned home in August, 1863; but one year later he re-enlisted, joining Company D, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Greenough, of Rockingham County. This regiment was stationed in Virginia through the following winter, and, besides doing engineer duty, actively participated in several engagements about Petersburg. Mr. Edwards afterward spent some time in Washington, D.C., being present at the grand review and likewise at the trial of Mrs. Surratt as an accomplice of the murderer of Abraham Lincoln, subsequently receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1865.

In the spring of 1866, a few months after his marriage, Mr. Edwards purchased his present farm and saw-mill; and he has since carried on a flourishing business both in farming and lumbering. He has seventy-four acres of land, which is in a fine state of cultivation and well improved in every respect. At his mill he is engaged in sawing, planing, edging, and matching lumber for his neighbors in this and other towns, his being the only planing-mill in this locality.

On November 16, 1865, Mr. Edwards married Anna E. Knights, who was born June 30, 1846, in Lowell, Mass., a daughter of Henry and Deborah (Ford) Knights, both natives of England. Mr. Knights came to this country with his wife when a young man, and, after living in Lowell for a time, settled on a farm in Chester, but since the death of his wife, June 26, 1882, has lived with his son-in law, Mr. Edwards, and now assists him in the saw-mill. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are the parents of the following children: Oliver H., who married Fannie Tabor, and lives near the parental homestead, but is on the road much of the time, running a portable saw-mill; Henry A., who lived but three months; Gertrude M., the wife of C. C. French, a wheelwright in Rowe Brothers' mill in Brentwood; Georgiana D.; James A.; and Sadie E. Politically, Mr. Edwards is a stanch Republican and an influential member of his party. He is now a Trustee of the Chester Public Library, Supervisor of the check list, and Justice of the Peace, in the latter of which he is filling out his fourth term of four years each; and from 1884 to 1888 he served the town as Tax Collector. He has been connected with the Grand Army of the Republic since 1880, having been a charter member of Joe Hooker Post, No. 31, then of Fremont, but now of Raymond. In 1893 he changed his membership to the Bell Post, No. 74, of Chester, in which he has served as Commander the past two years. Mrs. Edwards is a prominent and active member of the Women's Relief Corps of Chester, of which she has been President for the past three years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and always take an active interest in denominational work, Mr. Edwards being one of the Trustees of that church.

EMERY N. EATON, the station agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad on the Eastern Division at State Line, N.H., and a prominent and esteemed citizen of Seabrook, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Seabrook, January 20, 1860, being a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Eaton) Eaton.

He is a representative of a long-established and respected family of this locality, and is a direct descendant of one of the very earliest settlers in Rockingham County. The first progenitor here was John Eaton, whose entire life was devoted to reclaiming and cultivating the section of land on which he located. His son Jonathan became in turn the father of Jacob Eaton, the grandfather of the subject of

this sketch. Jacob, who had his birth in Seabrook, engaged there throughout life in general agricultural pursuits and in carpentering. He participated in the Second War with England; and, in recognition of his loyalty and of duty performed, his children received a pension from the national government. He and his wife, Martha, were blessed in the birth of six children, namely: Samuel; Jacob; Stephen; Emery; Caroline, who still resides in Seabrook; and Ardesira.

Jacob Eaton, 2d, the next in lineal descent to the subject of this biography, was also a native of Seabrook, where he was born in 1830. He received his education in the district schools of his natal town, and subsequently for some time followed shoemaking as his vocation, though for thirty-five years he passed his life on the sea as a fisherman. He was joined in matrimony with Miss Rebecca Eaton, a daughter of True Eaton, of Seabrook; and their union was fruitful in the birth of six children — Belinda, Caroline, Jacob T., Emery N., Caddie J., and Lawrence. Only one of these, Emery N., now survives. Mr. Jacob Eaton enjoyed a wide circle of acquaintances, among whom he was universally respected. He for one year served the town in the official capacity of Constable. He passed away on January 17, 1894. His wife still survives him, and makes her home at Seabrook with her son, Emery N.

Emery N. Eaton obtained his early intellectual preparation for the duties and responsibilities of life in the district schools of his ancestral town, and at the expiration of his period of schooling he learned the shoemaker's trade from his father. He as well as his father being also adepts in carpentering, they erected the buildings which now stand upon the estate. In January, 1895, he accepted an appointment by the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation as station agent at State Line, a depot on the Eastern Division; and in that position he still officiates.

On July, 1883, Mr. Eaton was married to Miss Alberta L. Janvrin, a daughter of John S. and Emma E. A. Follansby, of Weare, N.H. Into their home have come with blessing two children — Caddy J. and Byron J. L. by name.

Mr. Eaton has been frequently elected by his fellow-citizens to positions of public trust. For eight years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen; and for three years he has served on the School Committee, of which he has during two years acted as the Treasurer. For two years also he officiated in the capacity of Town Treasurer and for one term as Town Clerk. He likewise filled the position of Auditor for several years, and for the last eight years he has acted as the Moderator of the town meetings. During the last four years he has held the appointment of Justice of the Peace, and in the session of 1890 he enjoyed the distinction of representing his town and district in the legislative halls of the New Hampshire State capital.

Socially, Mr. Eaton is identified with the Order of the American Mechanics, being affiliated with both the junior and senior councils. In political belief and advocacy he is a member of the Democratic party; and he cast his first Presidential vote for the present incumbent of the chief executive office of the nation, Grover Cleveland.

CHARLES E. YOUNG, a prosperous farmer of Londonderry, was born in Manchester, N.H., November 25, 1821, son of Israel and Esther (Stevens) Young. His grandfather, James Young, who was of Irish birth and Scotch extraction, and the first of the family in the Granite State, settled in Manchester over a century ago. Israel Young took up his residence on a farm in Londonderry in the fall of 1837, and died there a few years after. In religious belief he was a Methodist, in politics a Democrat. He reared several children, of whom the following are yet living: Charles E., the subject of this sketch; Zebadiah H., in Hanover, Ill.; James F., in Londonderry; and David H., in Manchester.

Charles E. Young was sixteen years of age when his parents removed to Londonderry. He attended school irregularly, and generally only in the winter months, until he was eighteen years of age. This, supplemented by personal study, has put him in possession of a good education. After leaving school, he

began to work at shoemaking, and followed that industry until he was thirty-five years of age. Since then he has been actively engaged in general farming, in which he has been very successful. He has about sixty acres of land, well cultivated. One of the leading men in the farming community of Londonderry, he holds the respect that is always accorded a man who rises superior to circumstances by industry and perseverance.

In 1848 Mr. Young was united in marriage with Sarah D. Gilcreast, who died June 3, 1890. On August 4, 1895, he was united to his present wife, previously Mrs. Margaret (Moore) Young. She is a native of Manchester, daughter of Joseph and Ann G. (Brown) Moore, both of that city. Four of the children of her first marriage are living, namely: Henry I., in Wisconsin; Lucy, the wife of Ellsworth McComb, in Iowa; Ada A., in Manchester; and David H., in Washington State. Mr. Young supports the Democratic party. His first Presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk, running against the Whig candidate, Henry Clay, and the Liberty party candidate, James G. Birney. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

JAMES PIKE, a worthy and much respected citizen of the town of Exeter, N.H., was born October 24, 1817, in the town of Lee, Strafford County, this State. His parents, John and Sally (Tilton) Pike, spent a short period of their wedded life in Masachusetts, but with that exception were lifelong residents of New Hampshire. John Pike was a farmer by occupation, and a quiet, unassuming man, who gave his chief attention to his own affairs. He died in 1825, before reaching the meridian of life. His widow survived him many years, departing this life in 1876.

James Pike, who was but seven years old when his father died, received but meagre educational advantages, his mother needing his assistance in supporting her family of small children. Mr. Pike has always been engaged in farming pursuits, and through his unceasing industry and thrift has accumulated a fair competency. His present farm contains three hundred acres of land, a good deal of which is in a fine state of cultivation, and is further improved with a neat and substantial set of farm buildings. His property is finely located, being but three miles from the city of Exeter, and is one of the most attractive and desirable estates in this vicinity. In politics Mr. Pike has been identified with the Republican party since its formation, but has never been an aspirant for political favors, although he has served the town as Overseer of the Poor.

In 1844 Mr. Pike married Mary Jane Smith, a daughter of John Smith, one of the pioneers of Rockingham County. He has one son, John S., born December 10, 1850, who is now a prominent agriculturist of this town. A daughter, Mary A., died in 1857, aged two months.

WALTER S. GRAY, Assistant City Marshal of Portsmouth, was born here, December 26, 1843. Although he prepared for entrance to the high school, a desire to try a seaman's life led him, at the age of fourteen, to enter the United States Navy; and he shipped aboard the sloop of war "Cumberland." When this vessel foundered March 8, 1862, he was fortunately among the number of the crew who were rescued. He was rated as a landsman, and was discharged from the old frigate "Brandywine" on June 3, 1862. Among the battles in which he took part during his naval career were those of Fort Hatteras and Fort Scott. In April, 1861, he enlisted in Company G of the Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers, under Captain George W. Towle, and served until the close of the Civil War. His regiment was first assigned to the Ninth Corps, and later to the Eighteenth. He was at the siege of Suffolk, the battles of Cold Harbor, Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, Fort Darling, the second battle of Fair Oaks, and at Fredericksburg, coming through them all without a wound. After the battle of Petersburg he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. On his return home in 1865 he entered the navy yard as a brick mason. Ten years later he left there, but continued to work at that trade for

a time. He then entered the employ of C. E. Boynton, and had charge of a department in the brewery of C. E. Boynton for ten years. On resigning his position there, Mr. Boynton and the employees presented him with an elegant gold charm as a reminder of their pleasant relations together.

In his political views Mr. Gray is a stanch Republican. He served one term as a Councilman from Ward 1, and declined a second nomination. On April 7, 1895, he accepted his present position of Assistant City Marshal, in which he is acquitting himself with credit. He is a member of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand, having successively filled the chairs; Past Commander of Canton Centre, No. 12; and is Past Governor of Colony No. 15, Pilgrim Fathers.

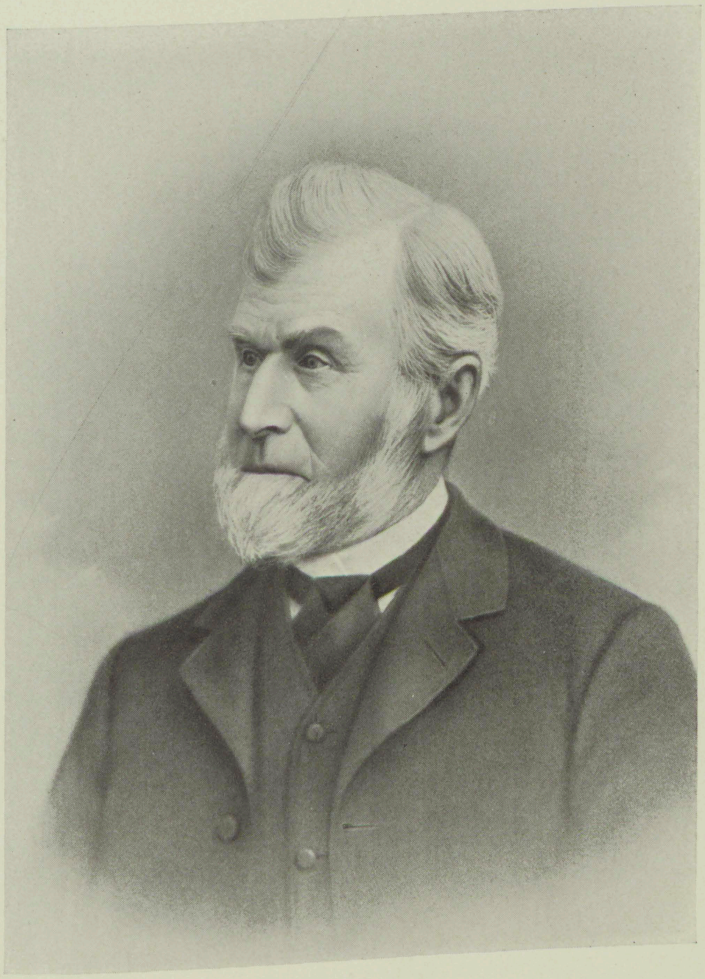
JOSEPH MONTGOMERY. — This venerable octogenarian, who is one of the best-known residents of Derry, and was formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, represents the fifth generation of his family to occupy the homestead in this town. He was born April 9, 1816, son of General William and Mary W. (Anderson) Montgomery.

The family is of Scottish origin. Hugh Montgomery, the original founder of this branch in America, emigrated from the north of Ireland in 1719, and settled in what is now Derry, when this locality was mostly a wilderness; and he cut the first tree and made the first improvements upon the Montgomery farm. Hugh Montgomery was one of the Board of Selectmen in Londonderry in 1722. His son, Robert, Mr. Montgomery's great-grandfather, who was born in 1695, succeeded to the ownership of the farm. He enlarged its tillage area, and otherwise improved the property, which he cultivated successfully during his active period. He died in 1775. The next in line was his son, Hugh Montgomery, second, born in 1740, Mr. Joseph Montgomery's grandfather, who inherited the farm. He possessed good intellectual attainments, which he applied to the useful occupation of school-teaching, being a pioneer educator in this town; and he carried on the homestead farm with energy and prosperity. He died in 1800. His natural ability and sound judgment in public affairs made him especially serviceable to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was for many years a leading spirit in the local government.

William Montgomery, son of Hugh, second, was born at the homestead about the year 1788, and in his turn became heir to the ancestral estate. Aside from being one of the most stirring and industrious farmers of his day, he was prominent in public affairs, supporting the Whig party in politics; and he not only served as a Selectman for a number of years, but was chosen as a Representative to the legislature for four consecutive terms, 1821–24. His steadfast adherence to the principles of honesty and integrity won the confidence of all with whom he came in contact; and, aside from the political influence he had acquired, his long and honorable connection with the State militia, in which he held the rank of General, gave him an extensive acquaintance outside the limits of this county. General William Montgomery died very suddenly in 1845, aged fifty-seven years, being stricken with apoplexy in the field. He was a member of the First Church. His wife, who was before marriage Mary W. Anderson, became the mother of eight children, of whom Joseph, the subject of this sketch, is the only one now living.

Joseph Montgomery was educated at the Pinkerton Academy in Derry; and for several years after leaving school he was engaged as a teacher, both in Derry and Londonderry, N.H., and in Massachusetts. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead at his father's death, and turned his attention to tilling the soil with the same vigorous and progressive policy which had distinguished his predecessors. In addition to cultivating the soil he carried on lumbering operations, which were well conducted, and exceedingly profitable; and for twenty-five years he was one of the most active and successful farmers of this town.

Mr. Montgomery married for his first wife Lucy J. Reynolds; and, of the four children



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born to this union, the only survivor is Fanny, who is the wife of Milton B. Hood, of Melrose, Mass., and the mother of three children—namely, Mercy M., Joseph M., and Laura. The other children by his first union were Lizzie, Nellie, and Lucy. For his second wife Mr. Montgomery wedded Fanny H. Chase, who became the mother of two children — Mary W. and Maria M.

Politically, Mr. Montgomery is a Republican, and has contributed his share of time to public affairs, having served upon the Board of Selectmen for several years, and during two terms as Representative to the legislature, displaying the same capability and excellent judgment in the transaction of public business which have always characterized his private enterprises. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist, having been for many years a Deacon of the First Congregational Church at East Derry. He is passing his declining years at his pleasant home, which has been the family residence for so many years.

CHARLES P. ROBIE, the present occupant of the old Robie homestead in Candia, which has been in the possession of that family for several generations, was born here, March 23, 1860, son of Samuel B. and Dolly H. (Beede) Robie. The family, which is of Scotch origin, was founded by Ichabod Robie, who came to this country in early Colonial times, and settled in Candia. Levi Robie, the great-grandfather of Charles P., passed the greater portion of his life upon the Robie farm, and reared a family of four children. Grandfather Asa Robie, who was born at the homestead, followed the trade of a carpenter in his earlier years, but finally undertook the management of the farm, and thereafter conducted it until his death, which occurred April 15, 1868. He married Sarah Fifield, of Bridgewater, N.H. Of his four children, two are living, namely: Levi J., a resident of Candia; and Luthera E., the wife of Henry Ames, of Penacook, N.H.

Samuel B. Robie, who grew to manhood at the ancestral homestead, in his younger days was engaged in shoemaking. Succeeding to the farm in his turn, its cultivation became his chief occupation for the rest of his life. In politics he supports the Republican party. Although averse to political notoriety, he served as Town Clerk with ability for some time. A generous, kind-hearted neighbor and a useful citizen, he was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen; and his death, which occurred in November, 1893, was deeply regretted by all. His wife, Dolly H. (Beede) Robie, a native of Kingsbury, Me., bore him several children, of whom Charles P., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor.

Charles P. Robie acquired a common-school education in his native town. After completing his studies, he worked at shoemaking for two years. He has been since successfully engaged in farming at the homestead, at the same time ably maintaining the prominent position which the family has so long held among the farmers of the town. He owns one hundred and fifteen acres of valuable agricultural property, comprising tillage, pasture, and wood land. In addition to carrying on general farming he keeps eight head of stock, and sells considerable milk.

On October 4, 1887, Mr. Robie wedded Ina M. Westover, of Manchester, N.H. Mrs. Robie is the mother of four children, as follows: Leon W., aged five; Albion E., aged four; Oliver S., aged two years; and Dora J., aged seven months. In politics Mr. Robie is a Republican, and is at present serving as Road Commissioner. The family attend the Congregational church. They enjoy pleasant social relations, having a numerous acquaintance, who hold them in high regard.

J. WARREN SANBORN, a retired business man of Kingston township, was born May 20, 1833, in East Kingston, son of Stevens and Mehitable (Smith) Sanborn. His paternal grandfather, John Sanborn, lived and died in East Kingston, where he reared a family of twelve children, of whom the only survivor is Hannah Sanborn, of Haverhill, Mass., widow of the late Ira Clough, of that place.

Stevens Sanborn, a native of East Kingston,

was a well-known farmer of that town, where he also carried on a substantial business as a tanner and currier. After living to an advanced age, he died April 12, 1881. His wife, Mehitable, a native of Gilmanton, Belknap County, passed away at a comparatively early age on December 29, 1844. Of their six children, two died in infancy. The others were: Betsey J. S., born in 1835, widow of the late S. J. Perkins, of Exeter, this county; J. Warren, born in 1833; Abbie, who was a school-teacher, and died at the age of twenty years; and Francena M., now a widow living at Littleton, Mass., who was the wife successively of Henry H. Titcomb and Theodore C. Fletcher.

J. Warren Sanborn received an academical education. From the age of eighteen to twenty-five he was engaged in teaching, being employed in the schools at Exeter, and at Amesbury and Salisbury, Mass. After his marriage he took up his father's trade, locating in Kingston, where he bought the property on which he now lives. Besides farming, he also carried on tanning and currying and manufactured lumber. In his saw-mill he operated a circular saw. He owns fifteen acres of land, on which he has made valuable improvements. Although retired from business, Mr. Sanborn keeps busily employed. He is Justice of the Peace, and much of his time is devoted to settling estates and transacting other probate business. A most loyal member of the Republican party, he has never sought political office; yet he has served as a member of the School Committee, Selectman, and Town Treasurer. He is a Master Mason of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston.

Mr. Sanborn was married, September 2, 1858, to Miss Rebecca F. Fogg, a native of Hampton, N.H., born May 13, 1833. Her parents, Abraham and Mary Fogg, are both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn have two daughters and two sons. They are: Abbie J., born June 15, 1859; Elmer Ellsworth, born July 27, 1861; Edward S., born April 19, 1866; and Mabel Warren, born July 13, 1875. The daughters are living with their parents. Mabel, a graduate of the Normal Department of the Robinson Female Seminary at Exeter, is now engaged in teaching. Elmer E. was graduated from the normal school at Plymouth, N.H., and for some years thereafter taught school. He married Miss Helen R. Veazey, of Brentwood, this county; and they are now living at Amesbury, Mass., where he is in the grocery business. Edward S. was educated at Exeter Academy and Yale University, being graduated from the Yale Divinity School, after taking a three years' course. He married Miss Martha E. Pike; and they have a pleasant home at Ridgebury, Conn., where he has charge of a church. The elder Mrs. Sanborn and her daughters are members of the Congregational church.

JOHN C. GIDDINGS, one of the oldest residents of South New Market, was born in Exeter, June 20, 1818, son of John and Mary (Colcord) Giddings. John Giddings was a native of Exeter, and moved from that place to South New Market in 1818, settling upon the farm which his son now owns and occupies. He was one of the energetic farmers of his day, and led a life of toil and industry, providing well for his family, and at his death, in 1824, leaving behind an honorable record as a useful and worthy citizen. In politics he supported the Whig party, and he was liberal in his religious views. His wife, Mary Colcord Giddings, who was a native of South New Market, became the mother of six children, namely: Edward, Mary, Elizabeth, and Nancy, who are no longer living; Charlotte, now Mrs. Hardy; and John C. The mother died in 1841.

John C. Giddings was educated in the common schools of South New Market. In early manhood he entered the employ of the Squamscot Machine Company, for which he continued to work for some thirty years, besides following farming. Since retiring from the former occupation he has given his exclusive attention to agricultural pursuits. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead farm, consisting of over one hundred acres of good land, provided with substantial buildings, which he keeps in the best of repair; and his farming operations have been very profitable.

On October 24, 1884, Mr. Giddings married Mary Ellen Scammon, of Stratham, a daughter of Ira and Ann (Lyford) Scammon, further mention of whom may be found in the sketch of Colonel Richard M. Scammon.

In politics Mr. Giddings has acted with the Republican party since its formation; and, though not taking any active part in political affairs beyond casting his vote, he has always been alive to the best interests of the town, and used his influence to advance measures for the general welfare of the community. He has led an active and laborious life, and in his declining years he is reaping the benefits of his long-continued perseverance.

JOSHUA B. PICKERING, the well-known ex-Selectman of Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., was born on the home farm in this town on February 2, 1853. He is the only surviving son of the late Joshua B., Sr., and Elizabeth Jane Pickering. His father also was a native of Newington, born on October 26, 1811. On the very day of his marriage he settled on the farm where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1889. He was a Democrat in politics, and quite prominent in town offices, holding the offices of Selectman and Town Clerk, being re-elected several times to the former position. He improved and successfully managed his farm of sixty-five acres, which he made profitable for general farming.

He married in 1848 Miss Elizabeth Jane Pickering, daughter of Thomas Pickering. Three children were the fruit of this union, namely: Deborah, wife of Frank H. Simpson, a farmer, resides in Greenland township; Alvin Gee, now deceased; and Joshua B., the subject of this biographical notice, who was the youngest child. The mother died in 1857. The graves of the departed are in the Newington Cemetery.

Joshua B. Pickering always remained upon the home farm, to the management of which he succeeded at the age of twenty-five years. In politics he follows in the footsteps of his honored father, voting with the Democratic party. He improved the educational advantages of the district school, securing a fair amount of practical knowledge, which he has utilized to good purpose. He has served the town acceptably as Selectman three different terms, besides filling other offices within the gift of the town.

JOHN A. CORNING, a well-known resident of Londonderry, N.H., was born in this town, June 26, 1834, son of Colonel Freeman and Esther (White) Corning. His paternal grandfather, Nathan Corning, was a native of Massachusetts. Freeman Corning was reared on a farm and educated in the district school, and like other country boys learned to use his wits in a way not necessary to the town-bred lad, himself mending the broken tool or making a new one for his special use; for the country boy's invention must be always on the alert, and he must find the way himself out of all difficulties. This early "standing alone" accounts for the strong mentality of the New England farmer and the grand types of men in the world evolved from the farmer's boy. Mr. Corning spent his life in his native town, following the pursuit of agriculture and taking an active part in the discussion and settlement of town affairs. He was familiarly known as Colonel Freeman, being for many years an officer in the State militia and a prominent figure on training days. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. He died in June, 1860; and by his death Londonderry lost one of her most esteemed citizens. He was twice married. Two of his children by his first wife are living, namely: John A.; and Hannah, wife of William Corning. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Laura A. Blaisdell, he had three children, one of whom now survives—Mrs. Mary Ellen Wheeler, wife of Joshua Wheeler, of Londonderry. John A. Corning's life has followed the same general trend pursued by his father's. Reared to man's estate on the farm in Londonderry, he learned to read, write, and cipher in the district school, laying the foundations for a structure of knowledge to which he has since added by reading and observation; and he has been engaged principally in farming since early manhood, though he was for a number of years employed

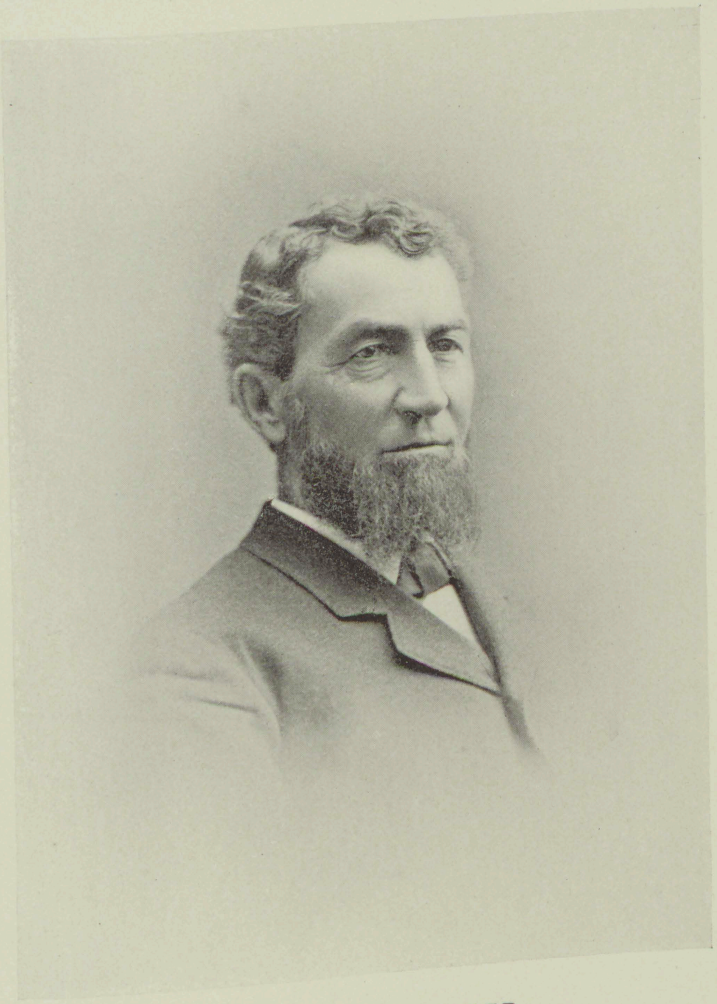
at intervals as section hand by the Concord Railroad Company. He owns a good farm of forty acres, and by industry and good management has attained a position of comfortable prosperity.

Mr. Corning was married in December, 1861, to Celinda P. Parker, a native of Litchfield, N.H., and a daughter of Edward and Mary (Kendall) Parker. Mrs. Corning died May 28, 1893. She was a model wife and mother, an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church. She had two children — Georgie and Edward P. The latter is with his mother in the world beyond. Georgie is the wife of Ernest Watts and mother of four children — Ralph L., Celinda P., John P., and Perley A. In politics Mr. Corning is a stanch Republican. He is identified with one social order, the Pilgrim Fathers, whose lodge room is at Derry Depot. A law-abiding and industrious citizen, he is widely known and esteemed.

JOSEPH P. HARVEY, a well-known agriculturist and lumberman of Nottingham, and a native of this town, was born November 14, 1840, son of Francis P. and Sally S. (Blaisdell) Harvey. His father, also a native of Nottingham, was engaged throughout his life in general husbandry, owning about two hundred acres of land within the town limits. He gave special attention to lumbering in Epping, this county, where he operated a saw-mill for many years. He was thrice married. He and his first wife, Hannah (Page) Harvey, became the parents of two children, neither of whom is now living. For his second wife he married a sister of his previous wife, and to them were born three children, of whom the only survivor is Sally, the widow of Henry Leach, late of Kingston, N.H., and the mother of four children — Fanny, Ada, Charles, and Laura. After the death of his second wife he contracted his third marriage with Miss Sally S. Blaisdell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Blaisdell, of Epping. By this union he became the father of fourteen children, eleven of whom are yet living, namely: William A.; John C.; Orrin W.; Joseph P.; Charles H.; Jane, now the wife of W. Frank Watson, of Nottingham; Susan F.; Nathaniel B.; Charlotte E.; Mary E.; and Green C. The others were: Rhoda E., Elanora A., and Lidaella P. The father spent his declining years in Nottingham, was Captain of the old Nottingham company of militia, was in national politics identified with the Republican party, held liberal views regarding religious subjects, and died June 27, 1864, in his seventy-first year. The mother passed away October 25, 1873, at the age of sixty-eight.

Joseph P. Harvey obtained his education in the public schools of his native town. After leaving school, he found employment with his father on the farm and at the saw-mill. In 1864 he purchased his present estate of about seventy-five acres, on which he has been engaged ever since. He is chiefly occupied in lumbering, operating a saw-mill, which turns out on the average one hundred thousand feet of timber every year. On November 29, 1875, Mr. Harvey was united in matrimony with Miss Mary E. Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, of Lee, N.H. They have three children, namely: Goldie B., born March 1, 1879; Allen, born November 19, 1891; and Joseph W., born June 15, 1895. Mr. Harvey is a hard-working and energetic man, and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all his neighbors. In politics he supports the principles for which the Republican party stands.

BENNING S. SCRIBNER, whose death, February 6, 1883, at his home in Fremont, Rockingham County, N.H., was felt as a serious loss to the community, was a native of this town, and had here spent a large part of his life, during his later years carrying on general farming with marked success. He was born September 17, 1828, and was the son of a well-known farmer, Elisha Scribner, a lifelong resident of Fremont, and his wife, Matilda Hooke, who was born and reared in Danville, this county. Of their union four children were born, three of whom have joined the silent majority; namely, John, George, and Benning S. The only one living is Sarah,



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widow of Gilbert Kimball, of Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Scribner was educated in Fremont, Hampton, and Northfield; and, on coming of age, he went to Haverhill, Mass., where he was engaged as a dry-goods merchant for a few years. He subsequently returned to the scenes of his childhood, and from the time of his marriage carried on the farm now occupied by his widow and their daughter. Here he improved and judiciously cultivated his land, making the place one of the model farms of the neighborhood.

He was very prominent in public life, commanding the respect and confidence of his fellow-men, and held offices of grave responsibility with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. For three years he was Treasurer of Rockingham County; and for two years he served as Representative in the State legislature, to which position he was re-elected in 1882, shortly before his death.

Mr. Scribner was married in Epping, December 7, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth A. Lawrence, who was born in that town, October 25, 1836, daughter of George W. and Adeline (Thyng) Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence and his wife, after residing for some years in Epping, removed to Concord, N.H., where he died; and she afterward made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Scribner, who tenderly cared for her during her declining days. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Scribner was blessed by the birth of two children — George Edwin and Alice Lawrence. The son, who was born July 14, 1862, passed to the higher life, June 25, 1876. The daughter, born July 6, 1875, lives with her mother on the home farm, which is one of the most attractive estates in this vicinity.

WILLIAM J. FROST, the popular foreman of a shoe factory in Portsmouth, was born in New Castle, this county, April 10, 1848, son of John S. and Sarah R. (Chesley) Frost. His ancestors, as stated in "Rambles about Portsmouth," were old settlers of the town. Thomas B. Frost, the grandfather of William J., also a native, was a sea captain, and followed that calling during the greater part of his life. While serving in the War of 1812 he was taken prisoner, and confined in Dartmoor Prison, England, for eighteen months. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served for a time as Representative to the State legislature. His wife had borne him four children, three daughters and one son. He lived to be over seventy-two years of age.

John S. Frost, who was likewise born in this town, was a carpenter by trade, which he followed throughout his life. He was a man of fine physique, standing six feet two inches high, and weighing two hundred and nine pounds. He never used either tobacco or liquor. Politically, he affiliated with the Democratic party, and served the public in various offices of importance. He died from the effects of a sunstroke, at the age of thirty-nine years. His wife, Sarah R., was formerly Miss Chesley, of Durham, a sister of Judge Chesley, of Dover. She had five children, four sons and a daughter, all now living. Of these, Thomas B. is City Treasurer of Chelsea, Mass.; John S. has charge of the Electric Railroad Station in Somerville, Mass.; George B. is a Congregationalist minister, being at present pastor of the church in Littleton, Mass. The wife of the Rev. George B. Frost was the first woman preacher ordained by the Congregationalists. Some time ago, during an absence of her husband in Europe, lasting eight months, she acceptably discharged his pastoral duties.

William J. Frost completed his school education in his native town. In 1864, at the age of sixteen, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served one year on the United States steamer "Vandalia." Having been honorably discharged therefrom, he was employed in the machine shop of Davis & Furber, at North Andover, Mass., for eighteen months, when his heath failed. He then went to Mr. Tewksbury's shop in Haverhill, Mass., and served a three years' apprenticeship to shoe-cutting. Later he was employed as foreman in James Freeland's shoe shop in Lynn, Mass., for seven years. In 1885 he came to Portsmouth to take charge of a cutting-room, a position which he has acceptably filled to the present time. This is

the largest cutting-room in the country, requiring a working force of one hundred and seventy-five men.

In 1874 he married Nellie H. White, daughter of Captain Robert White, of New Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Frost have one daughter and two sons. The family resided in Portsmouth for nine years, but for the past three years they have resided in New Castle. Mr. Frost attends, by preference, the Congregational church of New Castle. In politics he is a Democrat. He was once nominated for Alderman in this city, but he was defeated by a small majority. On that occasion he yielded to the solicitation of friends, as he had no desire for office. He is a member of Piscataqua Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, since 1872; also of Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias, all the chairs of which he has successively filled. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum of Lynn, of which he was Regent when he left. He is a comrade of Store Post, Grand Army of the Republic; and he has just entered the United Order of American Mechanics.

JOSEPH B. BROWN, a well-known and successful market gardener of Hampton, was born here, July 19, 1862, son of John G. and Mary A. (Johnson) Brown. He is a member of a long-established and respected family of Hampton. His grandfather, Simon Brown, was born in Hampton, where he passed his adult life, working as a carpenter and employed in general agriculture. He joined in wedlock with Miss Ann (Sherburne) Batchelder, a native of North Hampton, and their union resulted in the birth of seven children; namely, Sherburne, Samuel, Charlotte, George, Simon, Jeremiah, and John G. Only the last two survive. Jeremiah resides in the lower part of the town. The father died after attaining a goodly old age.

John G. Brown, who was born on the paternal estate, received his education in the district schools of Hampton. For the long period of forty years he had the management of the Ballard farm. At the expiration of that time he engaged in general husbandry on his own account. He purchased the Marston farm and also the John Mason property, on which estates he has latterly been occupied in raising garden produce. He united in matrimony with Miss Mary A. Johnson, daughter of William Johnson, a resident of Boston, Mass. Their children are Joseph B., John G., Albert R., and Lottie A. H. The family circle is still unbroken, as all reside on the home farm, variously employed in its different occupations. The father, who has been a lifelong resident of Hampton, has a broad circle of acquaintances, among whom he is sincerely esteemed. In religious belief and sympathy he is in intimate fellowship with the Congregational church of Hampton.

Joseph B. Brown grew to maturity on the old homestead, receiving his education in the district schools and at the Hampton Academy. Throughout his life he has been more or less closely identified with the work of the farm, and he now co-operates with his father in its management. His sterling qualities have long been noted by the community, which has shown its appreciation by electing him to important offices. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for six years, and he has served on the Board of Education for three years. In national politics since his majority he has supported the Democratic party, casting his Presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in the campaign of 1884.

GEORGE WALLACE PICKERING, a well-known contractor and builder of Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., was born here on February 18, 1861. His parents were Joseph W. and Sarah Q. (Foss) Pickering. His paternal grandfather, Joseph W. Pickering, Sr., was a native of Portsmouth. He was a carpenter by trade, but in his later years kept a grocery store.

His son, Joseph W., the father of George Wallace, was also a native of Portsmouth, being born there on January 12, 1806. He died August 26, 1867. Most of his early years were spent in his native city; but, when a young man, he decided on a sea-faring life, making several whaling voyages of three years' duration. He married Sarah Q. Foss, daugh-

ter of Solomon Foss, of the town of Rye, N.H.; and soon after his marriage they began housekeeping in Newington, where he remained through the rest of his life. His mortal remains rest in the Newington Cemetery. Mrs. Sarah Q. Pickering still lives (1896), at the age of seventy-five years. She is the mother of three children: Hannah Josephine Pickering, a maiden lady living in Newington; George Wallace; and Joseph I. Pickering, who resides in Chelsea, Mass.

George Wallace Pickering received a common-school education in his native town, but began working for himself when he was but nine years old, on a neighboring farm. Having a natural taste for mechanics, he also did some carpentering in his youth. In 1880 he procured his present home property, to which he removed in 1885, since which time he has made many improvements. Farm work, however, has been abandoned by him in favor of contracting and building, which Mr. Pickering has successfully followed for nearly a dozen years. In politics he is a Republican, but he does not seek office. He is a member of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married on December 14, 1892, was Annie E. Cooke. She is a native of Newark, N.J. They have one child, a little daughter, Margaret.

JUSTUS J. BEAN, who has been a resident of Brentwood for more than a quarter of a century, is the proprietor of a finely improved farm within the limits of the township. He was born in the town of Hawk, now Danville, this county, January 28, 1830, son of Ezra S. and Betsey K. (Hoyt) Bean.

Ezra S. Bean was likewise a native of Danville, where he spent the first half of his life. He was engaged in farming there until 1840, when he went to Raymond this county. After spending a year in Raymond, he removed to Fremont, and there carried on farming, and worked as a wheelwright until his death. He married Betsey K. Hoyt, a native of Raymond, who after the death of her husband made her home with her son, Justus J., as long as she lived. She had a family of six children, of whom Arvilla, Ezra, and Frances are deceased. The others are: Justus J., the subject of this sketch; Lydia, now the wife of Jacob W. Smith, and living in West Brentwood; and Napoleon, who married Miss Lizzie Mace, and now resides in this township.

Justus J. Bean received a common-school education. He assisted his father, on the farm and in the shop, until he attained his majority. Then he went to West Brentwood, and worked for Horace Wood for about a year. The succeeding fifteen years he worked in a carriage factory at Crawley's Falls, this county, for Albert Brown. At the expiration of that time he had saved fourteen hundred dollars. He was subsequently employed in the same town, but in another factory, for two years more. Mr. Bean then began working as a laborer on his present farm, which was then owned by Squire Morrill, with whom he remained as long as he lived. After the death of Mr. Morrill Mr. Bean inherited the entire property. It is a fine farm of two hundred acres, much of which is in a high state of cultivation. In politics Mr. Bean is a sturdy Democrat. By his straightforward and upright methods he has won the cordial respect of his townsmen.

Mr. Bean married, January 1, 1884, Miss Lizzie A. Morse, who was born and reared in Brentwood. Her father, the late Isaac G. Morse, who was a native of Chester, removed to this town, where he was engaged in farming pursuits until his demise. He married Waitie Ann Bean, a native of Fremont. Mrs. Bean died October 5, 1894, leaving no children.

ALBERT SHEPHARD SMITH, a well-known and successful farmer of Hampton Falls, was born in Exeter, this county, January 21, 1830, son of Shephard and Abigail (Rundlett) Smith. His father, a native of Candia, this county, was a stage agent at Exeter. He was united in marriage with Abigail, a daughter of Joseph and Priscilla (Wilson) Rundlett, residents of Exeter. Her mother was a native of Lee,

N.H. The union resulted in the birth of two sons, namely: George, who died in infancy; and Albert S., the subject of this sketch. On March 1, 1830, the father met his death accidentally by the overturning of his coach at Amesbury, Mass., whither he had driven to attend a political meeting.

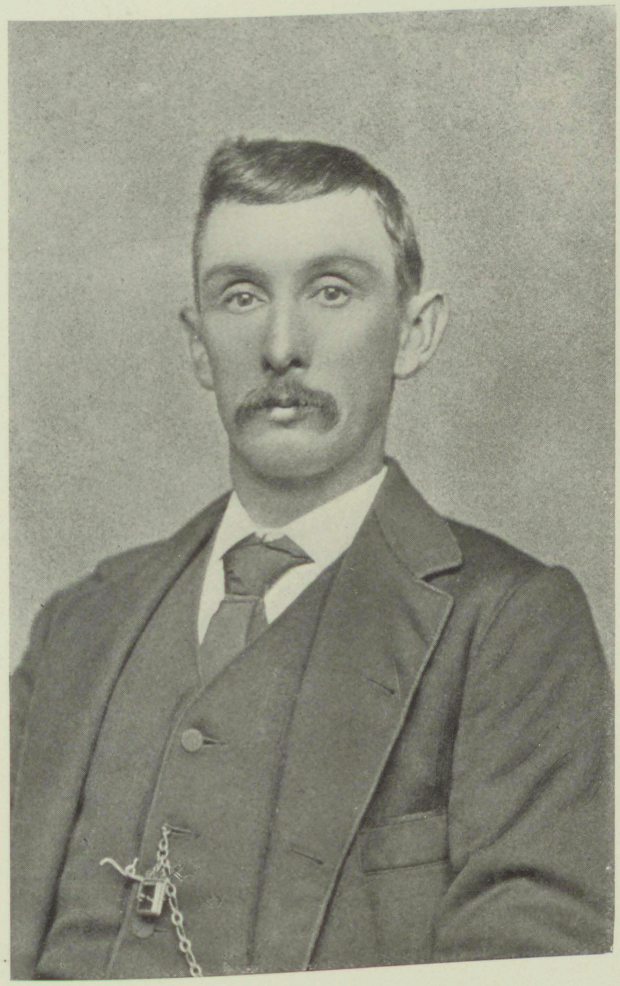
Albert S. Smith attended the public schools of his native town for the customary period of time. He then found employment in a cotton-mill at Exeter. Subsequently he learned the trade of a machinist at South New Market, this county, and worked at it for many years. For the greater part of that time he was employed in the shops of the Boston & Maine Railroad, located at Charlestown, Mass., having special charge of the brass-work. He abandoned the trade in 1878, and purchased the estate in Hampton Falls known as the Atkinson farm, comprising ninety acres of land. Here he has since resided, engaged in general agriculture, but chiefly in the production and sale of butter.

On June 17, 1849, Mr. Smith was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary T. J. Beals, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Beals, residents of New Market, N.H. They have had seven children, of whom five attained maturity, and two are living. The survivors are Mary A. and Hattie E. Emma C. and Ella D., twin sisters, died July 8, 1888; Arvilla A. died August 1, 1856; George A., October 24, 1862; and Alice W., July 5, 1878. The mother died September 11, 1887, leaving a grief-stricken husband whose faithful helpmate and companion she had been for nearly forty years. In national politics Mr Smith follows the lead of the Republican party and the American Protective Association. In his earlier life he was identified with the Whig party, and in 1852 he deposited his first ballot for that party's Presidential candidate. His religious convictions have led him into communion with the Baptist church.

JOHN S. COLBY, a practical and prosperous member of the agricultural community of Rockingham County, New Hampshire, is engaged in the prosecution of his independent calling in the town of Sandown, where he was born February 6, 1849. He is a son of the late Amos W. Colby, and the worthy representative of one of the earliest established families of this locality, tracing his ancestry back to the year 1672. His paternal grandfather, George Colby, was a lifelong resident of Sandown; and John Sanborn, his grandfather on his mother's side, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, was very prominent in town affairs, and was a valued citizen.

Amos W. Colby lived in Sandown until after attaining his majority, but subsequently removed to Lowell, Mass., where he was engaged as a hack driver for a time, and later as a teamster. Returning from Lowell to Sandown, he carried on mixed husbandry until his death, in March, 1894. He was twice married, his first wife having been Mary M., daughter of John Sanborn, of this town, above mentioned. She died in August, 1854, having borne him four children, the following being their record: George Everett, their first-born, died in 1848; Cyrus Porter married Miss Colburn, of Milford, N.H., where he is engaged in farming; John S. is the special subject of this sketch; and George Everett married Miss Freeman, of Worcester, Mass., and is now a railway engineer in Salina, Kan. After the death of his first wife the father married Miss Morgan, of Lowell, Mass.; but of this union there were no children.

John S. Colby was educated in the common schools of Sandown, living with his grandparents from the age of five years, when his mother died, until able to care for himself. In 1868 he began working as a laborer on the neighboring farms, remaining in Rockingham County until after his first marriage, when he went to Boston, Mass., in search of employment. The following two years he was a fireman on the Boston & Albany Railroad; and he then removed to Worcester, Mass., continuing his connection with the same company till 1875, when he came back to the scenes of his childhood, and here resumed the occupation to which he was reared. He purchased his present property, formerly known as the President Sanborn farm, containing two hundred acres of land. By dint of persevering energy and good management he has made



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this one of the most attractive and desirable estates in the locality, having added improvements of an excellent character, and remodelled the buildings. In addition to carrying on general farming, in which he has met with signal success, Mr. Colby opens his spacious house to city boarders during the summer season, accommodating about twenty who wend their way thither from Boston and its surrounding towns. Socially, Mr. Colby is a member of the Grange Society of Sandown. Politically, he is an earnest Republican, and, though not an office-seeker, has served as Road Agent and Tax Collector.

Mr. Colby has been twice married. On March 22, 1869, he married Miss Elizabeth Purington, who was born March 27, 1847, in the town of Fremont, this county. Her father, a lifelong resident of that town, where he was engaged as a shoemaker, married a Miss Moss, who now lives at South Danville. Mr. Colby's first wife died October 13, 1878, leaving two children — George W. and Fannie Esther, the latter of whom died at the age of fourteen years. Mr. Colby and Miss Elvira Currier, a native of the town of Danville, a daughter of Captain David B. and the late Julia Ann (Hunkins) Currier, were married on April 7, 1880. Three children were the fruit of this union; namely, Florence B., Agnes Pearl, and Harold, who lived upon earth but a brief time. On May 1, 1895, death again invaded the home circle, taking away the wife and mother.

SAMUEL D. FELLOWS, an experienced farmer of Sandown, was born August 25, 1830. He is of pioneer ancestry, his great-grandfather, Samuel Fellows, a farmer, having been among the earliest settlers of this part of the county. Samuel's son, William Fellows, the grandfather of Samuel D., lived and died in Sandown. George W. Fellows, a native of Sandown, resided in this town all his life. He worked at the cooper's trade for many years, and was also prosperously engaged in farming. He first settled on the estate a mile distant to the south from the one now owned by his son, Samuel D., and lived there until 1840. In that year he bought the present Fellows homestead, and here continued to till the soil and work at coopering until his demise, in 1892. He married Philena Collins, a native of Danville, this county, who bore him one child, Samuel D. The mother, who preceded her husband to the grave, died in 1889.

Samuel D. Fellows received a good education in the common schools of Sandown. On the home farm he was thoroughly instructed in the details of farming. He worked for his father until he married. Then he settled in North Danville, and thence to Kingston, where he lived two years. From there he removed to the parental homestead, on which he now resides. He has a finely improved farm, devoted to the raising of the grains and vegetables common to this section of New England; and he is somewhat interested in raising stock. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of land in the towns of Danville and Sandown. Mr. Fellows is a member of the local grange; and, politically, he is a steadfast Democrat. He is greatly respected as an upright citizen, and has served acceptably as Selectman of Sandown for eight terms, besides holding other minor offices.

Mr. Fellows has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1850, was Maria F. (Hunkins) Fellows, daughter of Maynard and Rhoda (French) Hunkins, both lifelong residents of Sandown. She died in 1854, leaving no children. Subsequently Mr. Fellows married Miss Lucy A. Hoyt, who was born in Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows have one child, Etta, now the wife of Simeon Clark, of the town of Kingston, this county. Mrs. Fellows is a consistent member of the Congregational church.

LUCIAN EMERY SMITH, at one time well known throughout the town of Brentwood as one of its most prosperous farmers, was born on the family homestead, January 10, 1828, a son of Caleb and Sarah P. Smith. His father took possession of the land now comprising the farm when it was in a condition of wilderness, and cleared a large part of it. In his younger

days Mr. Smith was engaged in the butchering business; but, succeeding to the parental estate after the death of his parents, he engaged in general farming, which he continued throughout the rest of his life. He was an enterprising farmer, a trustworthy man, and was ever held in high regard by his friends and neighbors. He died in April, 1891, at the age of sixty-three years.

Mr. Smith was married, November 25, 1858, in this township, to Miss Frances Feltch. She was born in Sutton, N.H., and died on the homestead in 1876. Four children were born of the union; namely, Josephine, Burton L., Milton Alonzo, and one that died in infancy. Josephine, the only daughter, is now the wife of H. P. Fuller, and lives in Haverhill, Mass. Milton A., a farmer, owning and occupying a portion of the old home farm, married Miss Maud Tucker, of Newton, this county.

Burton L. Smith, born July 2, 1863, acquired a practical education in the common schools. For the ensuing six years he was employed as clerk in a village store in Brentwood. On the death of his father he returned to the homestead, which he and his brother own jointly. He has since been profitably engaged in general farming and dairying, selling his cream in Fremont. He also keeps thirteen head of cattle of a good breed, and raises some stock. He was married, November 5, 1889, to Nellie J. Wilbur, of Fremont township. Of their three children, one died in infancy. The others, Karl E. and Hollis W., bright and active boys, are at home. In politics Burton L. Smith is an active Republican, while in religion he is a valued member of the Baptist church.

GEORGE H. MILLER, a prominent agriculturist of Epping, was born in Wolfboro, N.H., in 1856. His parents were Asa and Susan A. (Dearborn) Miller, both natives of the Granite State. The father was born in Milton, Strafford County, and lived there for thirty years, then going to Wakefield, and later to Wolfboro, where he resided until 1857. He then removed to Epping, where he passed the rest of his life. He was a quiet man, who was devoted to his home and family. He died in 1883, having survived his wife but one year.

George H. Miller came with his parents to Epping when he was but a year old. His intellectual training was received in the schools of Epping and Durham, while he obtained a practical knowledge both of farming and mechanics. He followed the trade of machinist for two years and a half, after which he became permanently identified with agricultural interests, making a specialty of dairying and the handling of live stock. He takes great pride in keeping everything up to date; and his farm, which is near Epping, is one of the most inviting in Rockingham County. Politically, he is a Democrat, and never shirks the responsibilities of office when his services are required by his party. He has capably served the town as Supervisor and Selectman. Fraternally, Mr. Miller is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was married in 1882 to Emma J. Fogg, a daughter of V. B. Fogg, who was an influential citizen of this town, and has two children — Russell E. and G. Howard. Mr. Miller is a progressive man, well known and widely respected.

MRS. MARY E. WARNER, Postmistress at Kensington and proprietor of one of the neatest and most successful general stores in the locality, is a daughter of John T. and Mary E. (Moulton) Blake. The Blake family has been well and favorably known in this part of the State for many years. John T. Blake was born in Kensington, April 17, 1806. A shoemaker by trade, he was engaged for many years in the manufacture of boots and shoes in Kensington, displaying much business ability, and successfully managing a store until 1850. He cast his first vote with the Whigs, but in his maturer manhood his opinions underwent a change that led him to join the Democratic party. He was Selectman of the town for a number of terms, Justice of the Peace for several years, and ably represented the district in the legislature. A man of more than ordinary intelligence, well informed on topics of current interest, he won credit for himself, and reflected credit on his constituents. In

religious belief he was a Universalist. He died September 7, 1883. On February 1, 1829, he was married to Mary E. Moulton, a native of Gilmanton, N.H., born October 3, 1806. Mrs. Blake was a member of the Congregational church. She died April 10, 1882. Of their nine children, John P. died at the age of thirty-three; George, at the age of sixty-two; and Henry C. and Augusta, in infancy. Those living to-day are Thomas H., Mary E. (Mrs. Warner), Sarah F. (Mrs. Colby), Henry T., and Maria P. (Mrs. Sawyer).

Mrs. Mary E. Warner was born and reared in Kensington. On February 8, 1872, she was married to William Warner, a native of Newburyport, Mass., born April 10, 1827. He was an industrious man of sterling character, who looked for little leisure, and followed at different times different lines of business. He died in Newburyport, September 6, 1881, leaving one child, Esther B., who was born December 9, 1872. She is now living with her mother in Kensington. Mrs. Warner has supported herself and daughter since her husband's death, displaying much ability as a business woman. Her store is stocked with a complete general line of groceries, all reliable goods at reasonable prices. She has now an established trade that is yearly increasing. In 1894 she was appointed by President Cleveland Postmistress of Kensington, and has satisfactorily filled that office up to the present time. She is highly esteemed in the town, her ability and character winning the respect of all who know her. Mrs. Warren is a member of the Congregational church.

CHARLES H. SMITH is an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of the township of East Kingston, N.H. He was born on the old Smith homestead he now owns and occupies, September 3, 1842, son of George D. and Almira (Webster) Smith. His grandfather was a resident of Brentwood, this county, where he followed the occupation of farmer.

George Smith, who was born and bred in the town of Brentwood, remained at home, helping on the farm, until he attained his majority. He came then to East Kingston, and learned the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he worked as a carpenter and builder in Lynn, Mass., until 1836, when he returned to East Kingston. Shortly after he built the buildings now occupied by his son, Charles H. He also purchased land, and there carried on farming in addition to working at his trade until his death, which occurred February 15, 1889. He married Almira Webster, a native of East Kingston, and became the father of five children, as follows: G. Dennis, born February 8, 1835, who married Lucina Thomas, of Vermont, and is now living at Amesbury, Mass.; Warren W., born January 20, 1837, who died April 4, 1838; Warren W. (second), born September 10, 1839, who died December 27, 1881, leaving his widow, whose maiden name was Julia C. Magoon, now a resident of Haverhill, Mass.; Charles H., the subject of this sketch; and Almira J., born April 13, 1846, who now lives with her brother Charles on the homestead. The mother, who survived her husband, died at a venerable age, March 10, 1895.

Charles H. Smith has spent his lifetime on the homestead. The place is pleasantly situated in the western part of the town. It contains about ninety acres of land, finely improved by his father. Mr. Smith raises hay, corn, and potatoes, has a fine dairy, from which he turns out excellent butter, and carries on an extensive butchering business, assisted by his son, who runs a meat wagon in East Kingston, Kingston, and Brentwood townships. Mr. Smith is a prominent member of the Republican party, and has served his town in various capacities, including that of Selectman and Collector. He has filled the latter office for the past eighteen years. He is a Mason, belonging to Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston Village; and he is a member and an officer of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Smith was married February 8, 1871, to Miss Betsey A. Currier, who was born in this township, May 12, 1845, daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah T. (Smith) Currier, both now deceased. Her father was a carpenter by trade, and well known throughout this vicinity as a man of integrity. Mr. Smith's family numbered four children, namely: George H.,

born September 4, 1872, who lives and works with his father; Ellen A. and Annie S., twins, born June 28, 1875, who died respectively on September 17 and 22 of the same year; and Nellie A., born December 13, 1876, who lives at Wadley's Falls, N.H., the wife of Frank P. Kenerson, a shoemaker in that place.

WILLIAM H. NUTE, M.D., a popular physician of Exeter, N.H., was born in Farmington, this State, May 8, 1858. He is the only son of Charles W. and Mary L. (Richardson) Nute. His grandparents, Israel and Hannah (Twombly) Nute, belonged to Milton, N.H. Israel, who was a well-to-do farmer, died in middle life. His wife survived him over a quarter of a century, dying in Saginaw, Mich. They reared four sons and two daughters, all of whom but one, Charles W., are yet living.

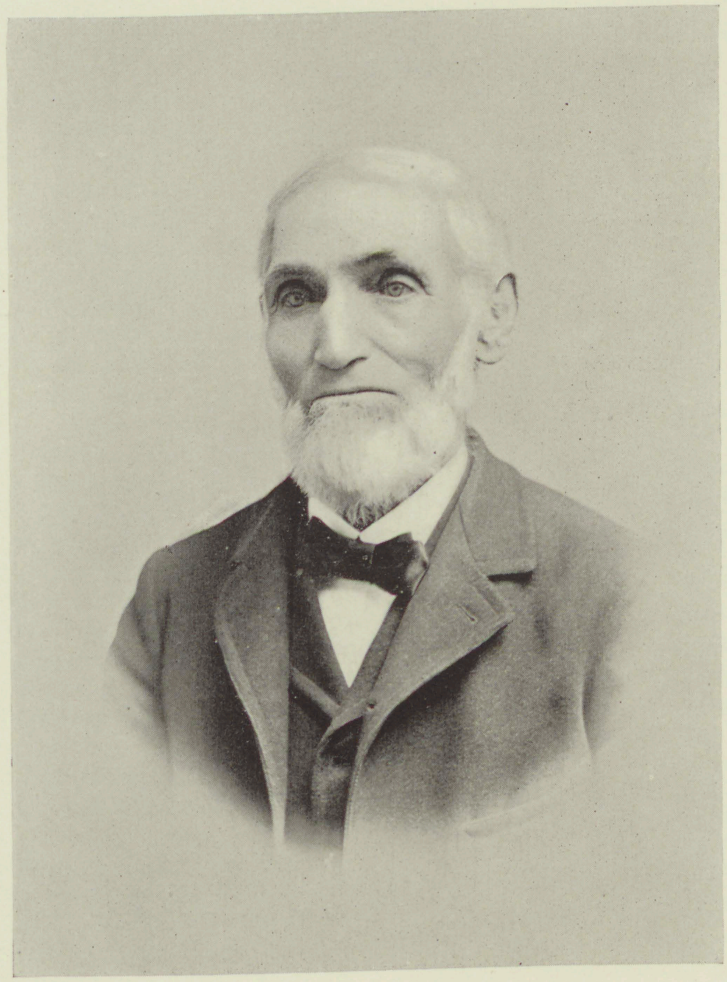
Charles W. Nute was born in Lincoln, Me., in December, 1833. One of the Maine men who responded to President Lincoln's call, he was a Major in the First Maine Heavy Artillery, and died on the battlefield before Petersburg in 1864. His wife, to whom he was united in 1856 or 1857, was a daughter of Lemuel Richardson, of Farmington, N.H. A merciful Providence spared her the grief which her husband's terrible death must have caused, for she died nine months previous to that event. At the time of her death she was at Alexandria, D.C. The remains of husband and wife are interred at Farmington.

William H. Nute, M.D., was six years of age when his parents were taken away. From that time until he attained his majority his uncle, George W. Colomy, was his guardian, and had charge of the property left him by his father, together with the pension paid by the government. He attended the common schools of Farmington, N.H., and the New Hampton Institute, entered Bowdoin at the age of eighteen, and graduated from the Medical Department in June, 1881. His medical training was perfected by two years at Bellevue Hospital, New York, the great finishing school for American physicians. He began to practise at North Barnstead, N.H., where he remained about a year. The eight years following he was at Farmington. In 1890 he located in Exeter, where he now has a steadily increasing practice. His good sense and skill in professional matters have won the respect of the people, and his genial disposition make him the centre of a large circle of friends.

Dr. Nute was married December 22, 1892, to Lucy E., daughter of Henry E. and Lavinia (Davis) Read, all of Exeter. In politics Dr. Nute favors the Republican side. A strong believer in the good accomplished by brotherhoods and beneficiary societies, he belongs to a number, including the Masonic Order, in which he has passed the thirty-second degree, all the chairs in the Blue Lodge, and is Past District Deputy Grand Master; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs; and the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he is Past Great Sachem. He has a pleasant home at No. 1 Front Street.

EBENEZER GOVE, who, after spending many years in the Western interior, is passing the sunset of his days in North Hampton, N.H., where the health-giving air is scented with the breath of the sea, was born in Tilton, N.H., February 17, 1814. His parents were Ebenezer and Hannah (Haines) Gove. The first of his family in this country came from London, and settled in the neighborhood of Boston, Mass. He brought with him two sons, John and Edward, and a daughter. John Gove, it is said, settled on the Connecticut River, in the western part of Massachusetts; while Edward located in Seabrook, N.H., founding the New Hampshire branch of the family.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in direct line to bear the name of Ebenezer. His great-grandfather and grandfather were both born in Seabrook. His grandfather, who was a tailor by trade, won the military title of Major and signed the New Hampshire Test of Freedom at the time of the Revolution. He passed his last days in Bradford, Vt., where he died at the home of a daughter. Grandfather Gove married Susanna Swain, and lived for a number of years on the Swain farm.



EBENEZER GOVE.

His wife was one of the patriotic women who aided the Revolutionary cause while attending faithfully to manifold household duties; and many a night she strained her eyes by the light of a pitch-pine knot, sewing clothes for the ill-equipped Continental soldiers. Ebenezer, second, and Susanna S. Gove had nine children — Jonathan, David, Susan, Sally, Miriam, Nancy, Dorothy, Ebenezer (third), and Richard.

Ebenezer Gove, third, was reared like most of the New England country boys of his day, attending the district school and helping about the farm. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was forty-three years old. Five children mourned his loss — Page P., Reuben, Luther C., John C., and George S. — Ebenezer the youngest of the name, being born some time after the sad event.

Ebenezer Gove, who is the only survivor of his family, obtained his education in the common schools of Sanbornton, N.H., an academy near his home, and the academy at Boscawen Plain, where he spent one term. He learned to make brass clocks and scales, and in 1835 he went to what was then the Far West, travelling with a horse and buggy, and making scales on the way. The latter part of his journey he made by canal, making Cleveland, Ohio, his terminus. Settling near Cleveland, he remained there twenty-five years, manufacturing platform scales and managing a farm of over two hundred acres, conducting a dairy of forty cows. He eventually sold his farm, and moved to Missouri; and in 1874 he returned East, settling in North Hampton.

Mr. Gove's first wife, who was Rebecca C. Cate, of Loudon, N.H., died in Solon, Ohio, in 1858. She was the mother of two children — Page M., born April 20, 1842, who enlisted in 1862 in Company D, One Hundred and Third Ohio Infantry, and died of typhoid pneumonia in a military hospital, when only twenty years of age; and Hannah E., who lived less than two years. Mr. Gove was again married in 1860, Miranda E. Fuller, of Concord, N.H., becoming his wife; and the present Mrs. Gove, who is his third wife, was Miss Abbie Philbrook, of North Hampton.

Mr. Gove first appeared at the polls as a Whig, and the first Presidential canvass in which he took an active part was that of 1836. He has been a Republican since the formation of the party. While a resident of Solon township, Ohio, he was elected Town Trustee several times, efficiently filled the office of Town Clerk, and was at one time County Assessor. He has been a member of the Congregational church over sixty years, since 1834.

JOSEPH PINKHAM, a prominent Director of the New Hampshire Trust Company, an ex-Representative, and a well-known inventor, was born in New Market on February 26, 1827. "He is an American of Americans, tracing his ancestry back to the first white settlers of the country, in the paternal line to Richard Pinkham, of Dover Point, the grandmothers of which include the Layton, Tebbetts, Otis, Youngs, and other old and distinguished families. On the maternal side he traces to George Smith, the first Register of Deeds in the State; to John Hill, the Hon. John Hall, the Hon. Peter Coffin, and the first Edward Hilton, of Dover and Exeter; to the Moodys of Ipswich and Newbury; the Wilsons and Dudleys of Exeter and Boston, and the first two governors of Massachusetts — Winthrop and Dudley."

His father having died at the early age of twenty-eight, when young Pinkham was but five years old, he, at the age of eleven, began to earn his own living. Joseph Pinkham, with the exception of two or three years when he boarded in that part of Durham that has since been annexed to New Market, has always been a resident of said New Market. His common-school education was supplemented by attendance at private schools.

In April, 1846, a little more than nineteen years of age, he left the home farm, going to Salem, Mass., to work in a machine shop; but, the times being very dull, a few months thereafter he again found employment upon a farm. In May, 1847, he entered the store of Colonel James B. Creighton, being employed by him and his successor, Z. Dow Creighton, until the latter sold out in March, 1852. He was afterward re-engaged by Mr.

Creighton off and on, as he was in or out of business for several years more. During the next two years he assisted as railroad station agent in New Market as his services were needed, and also assisted in the post-office, officiating as Postmaster during the sickness of James M. Chapman, Esq., and after his death until the appointment of a new official, who was in touch with the administration then in office.

Mr. Pinkham learned the daguerreotype business while yet a young man, and a little later the ambrotype process, which he followed more or less for about five years. He also started the custom tailoring business and manufacture of ready-made clothing for large wholesale dealers in Boston, Mass.; and in 1860, having bought a store and fitted it up in good style, he purchased a stock of groceries, ready-made clothing, dry goods, carpeting, etc., following this business successfully until his retirement in the fall of 1868. His own private interests and those of his friends, however, have assumed such proportions that he still leads a very busy life. Mr. Pinkham owns several houses, a dozen or more desirable house lots, and a first-class store lot, all located in the very centre of the village where he lives. He has manufacturing interests in Concord, banking interests in Manchester, and manufacturing and other industrial interests in Georgia and Alabama, owns a three-hundred-acre farm in Virginia, near Washington, D.C., a good farm in Portsmouth, N.H., and other real estate in New Market. He also owns stock in the Pennsylvania coal mines and interests in railroads from the Atlantic to the Pacific as well as from the British Provinces in old Mexico.

In politics Mr. Pinkham cast his first Presidential votes for Lewis Cass and Franklin Pierce, but from the time of John C. Fremont's candidature for President he has been a stalwart Republican. He has been a delegate to numerous State conventions, and to District No. 1 Congressional Conventions many times, being one of the Vice-Presidents of the latter in 1892 and the first Vice-President of the Republican State Convention (the Hon. William E. Chandler, President) that met at Concord, March 31, 1896, to elect delegates to send to the Republican National Convention to be held at St. Louis, Mo., June 16, 1896, to select the candidates to be supported for President and Vice-President next November, 1896. He has also been an active member of the Republican State Committee since 1892, and was Chairman of Senatorial Convention District No. 23, September 12, 1894. His popularity is shown by the fact that he and his colleague, Frank H. Durgin, served as Representatives of New Market for the years 1895-96, being the first Republicans to hold that office in fourteen years; and he is now being prominently spoken of as a candidate for County Treasurer or one of the Governor's Council. He has been often urged to take town offices, but has never yet been willing to accept them. Mr. Pinkham has been Justice of the Peace for more than a quarter of a century and a Notary Public since April 4, 1893.

He is socially prominent in a number of clubs — New Hampshire Historical Society, the New England Genealogical Society, the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, the New Hampshire Club, Boston, Mass., Lincoln Club, Concord, and the Rockingham County Republican Club, Exeter. Having been very earnestly invited to join the order of Knights of Pythias, he handed in his name for membership in Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, of New Market; and upon taking his full degrees, February 13, 1896, he was very cordially and most flatteringly received by one of the largest attendances of its members that the lodge has ever gathered for a similar purpose. Upon the instituting of Lamprey River Grange, No. 240, Patrons of Husbandry, in New Market, with forty-one charter members, on the evening of the anniversary of his birthday, February 26, 1896, he was, without mention or solicitation on his part, very unexpectedly unanimously selected for the Master of the same; and it has been and is being prospered beyond the most sanguine expectations of its most hopeful friends, now having a finely selected membership of about seventy, and has received very warm and congratulatory compliments on its good condition and work from the Secretary and Master of the State grange and others.

On the evening of April 31, 1896, at Dover, N.H., with a large class of some thirty or more, he was admitted a member of Eastern New Hampshire Pomona, and was admitted as an associated member of the Grand Army of the Republic, George A. Gay Post, No. 18, New Market, N.H., April 29, 1896. He has an acquaintance with nearly all of the members and ex-members of Congress, judges and ex-judges, governors and ex-governors, many of the leading manufacturers and bankers, and other prominent men of the State.

Mr. Pinkham's indefatigable energy has further led to the invention of plough improvements, carpenter's planes, nut-locking devices, men's suspenders, and other articles. In the most of the various affairs which have engaged his attention he has met with excellent financial results, being a large owner of stocks and securities in the New Hampshire Trust Company, one of the largest institutions of the kind in the United States. He has given much time, study, and correspondence to the mining and other resources of the country and to local histories and genealogical researches. Mr. Pinkham has travelled through the thirteen original States and Maine and Florida, having spent many months in Washington, D.C., going there many times. He is, however, a loyal son of New Hampshire, always returning from his sojourns with a feeling that his native State or some part of New England is the only true abiding-place.

In religion Mr. Pinkham is non-sectarian, tolerating and recognizing the good in every denomination. He has never used tobacco or any of its manufactures or liquors or other stimulants. He has formed no partnerships, commercial or matrimonial, having gained his victories singly and alone, and, if he continues to have his health and lives to a reasonably good old age, hopes to be able to accomplish much more. He is a square-dealing, unpretending citizen, who is justly entitled to the respect and honor which he has achieved. He has always made it the rule of his life to pay for everything as he had it, and, notwithstanding the numerous and very severe losses that he has met with, owing to panics, dishonesty, and scoundrelism generally, still owns whatever he pretends to.

RUSSELL H. FELLOWS, a prominent business man of the town of Brentwood, was born here, January 16, 1841. His paternal grandfather, Simeon Fellows, was for many years a resident of Wood's Corner, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits besides being a job printer. He was an active and influential citizen, taking a prominent part in the growth and development of the community, and living there until his demise in September, 1853. He married Dorothy Bartlett, who preceded him to the world beyond, dying in 1849.

His son, Stephen Fellows, father of Russell H., was a lifelong resident of Brentwood, where he died at a good age, June 21, 1895. He was a farmer by occupation and a man of enterprise and foresight. He established an extensive lumber business, and in 1860 built the Fellows box factory, being subsequently engaged in the manufacture of shoe boxes, building material, etc., and carrying on a large and lucrative business. He was twice married. His first wife, Narcissa G. Sinclair, a native of Brentwood, died in 1870, leaving five children, namely: Russell H.; Emma S., widow of the late William L. Bartlett; Mary A., now deceased; Narcissa A., widow of the late Levi Weeks; and John H. The last named, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, is a large manufacturer in Brentwood. He was first married to Sarah Morton, and after her death to Miss Ella Wilson. In 1873 the father was again married, his second wife being Mrs. Mary D. (Sanborn) Weeks, who survives him.

Russell H. Fellows has been engaged in the saw-mill and lumber business for thirty-five years, and has met with great success in this industry, as well as in manufacturing. For the past eight years he has manufactured brick, and is also now running a box factory, having an extensive and profitable business. He gives employment to about one hundred men, his plant being one of the foremost industrial enterprises in this part of Rockingham County. Mr. Fellows is a stanch Republican in politics, and takes a deep interest in local and State affairs. For three years he served as Selectman, and in 1874 and 1875 represented his town in the State legislature. He is

prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M.; of St. Albans Chapter, No. 15, of Exeter; and of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portsmouth, N.H.

Mr. Fellows was married in November, 1867, to Miss M. Susan Sanborn, who was born in Danville, this State, a daughter of John S. and Johanna B. (Philbrook) Sanborn. Of their union two children have been born — Bertie, whose earthly life was brief; and Carroll R., who married Gertrude F. Thyng, and lives in Brentwood, where he is extensively engaged in farming. He also has an interest with his father in the lumber business.

HENRY CROWELL, of Londonderry, N.H., a prominent citizen, who has represented the town in the State legislature, and is now in office as Selectman, was born in this historic town on June 22, 1828. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Smithers) Crowell, and is of English descent, claiming kinship with Oliver Cromwell, the great Lord Protector of England. The name Crowell, it is said, was originally Cromwell, and through the tendency of the English people to slur over consonants, noticeable now in the pronunciation of such names as Grosvenor and Cholmondeley (pronounced Chumley), the *w* was dropped.

David Crowell, Mr. Henry Crowell's grandfather, who was the first of the family in Londonderry, settled in this town somewhat more than a hundred years ago. He served in the Continental army in the Revolution, and in the latter part of his life drew a pension for his services.

Samuel Crowell, son of David, was born in Londonderry, and spent a great part of his life there. A shoemaker by trade, he was engaged in manufacturing shoes in Salem, Mass., for some time, and sold boots and shoes at retail. He finally retired to a farm in Londonderry, where he spent his last days. When a young man Mr. Samuel Crowell was a Jacksonian Democrat; but as he grew older he changed his views, and joined the Republican party. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His wife, Mrs. Sarah S. Crowell, who was born in Marblehead, Mass., died in Londonderry many years ago. Two of their children are living — Henry, the subject of this sketch; and Harriet, wife of James K. Floyd, a resident of Franklin, N.H.

Henry Crowell was educated in the common schools of Londonderry. Though reared on a farm, he did not settle down to the pursuit of agriculture when the time came for him to choose his vocation, but selected a totally different line of business. For over thirty years he has been engaged as a travelling salesman for the Dunn Edge Tool Company of Oakland, Me., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. He travels throughout New England and the Canadas, dealing with both the retail and the wholesale trade; and his success is indicated by the length of his term of service. Mr. Crowell has a good farm of eighty acres in Londonderry and a very pleasant home.

He was married October 3, 1850, to Judith C. Plummer, a native of Auburn, this county, daughter of Dr. Nathan Plummer. Mrs. Crowell's father, who was a son of Nathan Plummer, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier and an early settler in Londonderry, was born in this town. He was educated at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, and at Dartmouth College Medical School, Hanover, N.H.; and he was one of the best physicians of his day, being much loved and respected by the citizens of Chester, N.H., where he practised many years. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church at Auburn, in which he was Deacon for some time. Dr. Plummer died in Chester. Of his children the following are living: Mary, Mrs. Lufkin, a widow residing in Auburn, N.H.; William M., in Manchester, this State; Judith C., Mrs. Crowell; Edwin, residing in Auburn; Albert, a physician, in Hamilton, Minn.; and Sarah, wife of Henry Bond, of Santa Barbara, Cal. Mrs. Crowell, who is a lady of more than ordinary intellectual capacity, is an interesting conversationalist, and has acquired a reputation as a public speaker of ability, though for some years past she has not appeared in public as frequently as in her younger days. She is the mother of five children — Frank S. and

Charles A., living; and Henry P., Clarence, and Sarah F., dead.

Mr. Crowell is a Republican in politics. He has served for three terms as Representative from Londonderry to the New Hampshire State legislature; and he was in office as Town Clerk five years, and is now serving his second term as Selectman. He is an Elder of the Presbyterian Church of Londonderry. A citizen who always has at heart the best interests of his town, he stands high in the regard of his townsmen; and his estimable wife shares with him the esteem of the community.

JOSHUA BARSTOW JOHNSON, who has spent a large portion of his fourscore and three years of life in Portsmouth, was born March 29, 1813, in the town of Stratham, Rockingham County, a son of Brackett and Sophia (Barstow) Johnson. The Johnson family are of English origin, the first ancestor in this county having been a minister of the gospel, who crossed the ocean in the "Mayflower," bringing with him his young wife, who was the daughter of a nobleman.

Philip Johnson, the grandfather of Joshua B., was born in Durham, this State, where he was, presumably, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in which he served as Captain of a company. Captain Philip Johnson married Miss Brackett, a sister of the late Dr. Brackett, and they became the parents of four children; namely, Joshua, James, Brackett, and Sarah, of whom the last named married a Mr. Messer.

Brackett Johnson was born and reared in Greenland, Rockingham County. After leaving the district school he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a while, but was obliged finally to give up on account of his health. He then became a sailor, and during the War of 1812 served on board a privateer. Abandoning the sea, he subsequently engaged in the livery business in this city, being at one time associated with his brother Joshua on Hanover Street. While thus occupied he at one time took a cargo of horses to Demerara, South America. In politics he was a Whig, and cast his first Presidential vote for John Q. Adams. In religion he was a member of the Methodist church. He was twice married. His first wife, Sophia Barstow, bore him but one child, Joshua Barstow, whose name appears at the head of this sketch. His second wife was the daughter of a Mr. Merrill, who edited the first arithmetic published in New Hampshire. She was born and reared in Stratham, where her father was engaged in teaching for many years, and was subsequently Justice of the Peace. Six children were born of this union, as follows: Sophia J.; Brackett, Jr.; Amanda M.; Frank B., who was for some years prior to his death City Marshal of Portsmouth; Napoleon B.; and John W.

Joshua Barstow Johnson received his education in the schools of Portsmouth, and first began work in the livery stable owned by his uncle, with whom he remained for many years. By industry, perseverance, and good judgment he has successfully fought the battle of life and accumulated a fair competency as a support for his declining years. During his long career he has made many friends, and by faithfully discharging the duties of a man and citizen has earned the respect of all.

FRED C. BUXTON is a prosperous general merchant and liveryman of Salem, Rockingham County, N.H., where he was born June 12, 1869, son of Joseph and Rhoda A. Buxton. For upward of nineteen years his father was engaged in the undertaking business at Salem, N.H. His widowed mother still resides in town, at Salem Depot.

Fred C. Buxton acquired his early education in the public schools of Salem, and afterward attended the Pinkerton Academy at Derry and the Atkinson Academy. While but a youth he engaged in mercantile business, and after a time went into partnership with Frank D. Wilson, under the firm name of Buxton & Wilson. This connection had existed but a short time, however, when he became sole proprietor. He has since continued in business alone, carrying a good assortment of dry goods, hardware, groceries, grain, flour, butter, cheese, eggs, canned goods, patent medicines,

and notions, and has a flourishing trade. He is agent for the American Express Copmany, and besides his store conducts a small livery business, keeping ten good horses, the patronage bestowed on this branch of his business bearing ample testimony to its popularity.

Mr. Buxton and Miss Etta S. Tilton were married in 1888; and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son, Harold T.

Mr. Buxton has always been a loyal Republican. He has served as Postmaster of Salem Depot for several years. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 145, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Lawrence, Mass.; also of Lodge No. 85, A. F. & A. M., of Salem, N.H.; and of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers at Salem Depot.

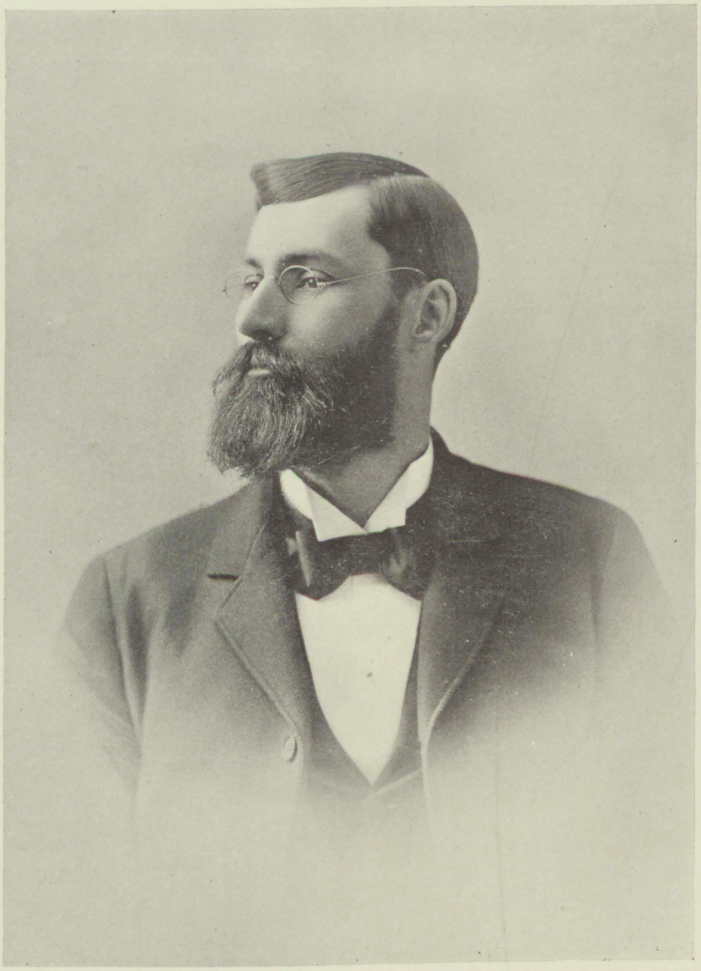
ABRAM W. MITCHELL, M.D., of Epping, N.H., the senior county physician of Rockingham County, was born in Lempster, Sullivan County, N.H., February 8, 1862. He is the son of Andrew J. and Mary M. (Whittemore) Mitchell, both natives of New Hampshire, who are at present residing in Lempster. Andrew J. Mitchell was engaged in the early part of his active life in the manufacture of boots and shoes, but for some years past has given his attention solely to agriculture. A man of pronounced views, he is an ardent Prohibitionist, and has taken a prominent part in public affairs, local and otherwise, serving at one time in the State legislature.

Abram W. Mitchell received his primary education in the public schools of his native town and at Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N.H. With a view to defraying the expenses of his professional course of study he began to teach when quite young, and was very successful, so much so that he found ready employment as a teacher, and for about eight years taught successive terms of school, continuing his own studies in the mean time. During two years he was Principal of the Marlow Academy, and was also superintendent of schools at Lempster. He took up the study of medicine when about twenty-one years of age, at first under the tuition of Dr. Carl A. Allen, of Acworth, N.H., and subsequently under Dr. Marshall Perkins, of Marlow, and was graduated at the University of New York in 1887. Locating at once in Harrisville, N.H., Dr. Mitchell practised there until his removal to Epping in the spring of 1888. That same year he was appointed county physician, and he is still in office. A man of scholarly tastes, always seeking to add to his store of knowledge, he is a close student, and in the winter of 1895 found time to take a post-graduate course at the University of New York. As a physician he is careful and conscientious, and his popularity is yearly increasing.

Dr. Mitchell was married to Miss Hattie F. Perkins, daughter of Dr. Marshall Perkins, in October, 1888; and three charming children are now growing up in his home — Avis, Karl, and Richard. In politics Dr. Mitchell favors the Democratic side. He belongs to the two leading social orders of the day, the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious matters he gives his aid and support to the Methodist Episcopal church. He is widely known and esteemed, his character, as shown by his career as a student, a teacher, and physician, possessing a moral soundness and constancy that win respect and confidence.

DANIEL H. WEBSTER, one of the leading and successful farmers of Auburn, was born in Manchester, N.H., September 2, 1843, son of Joshua and Betsey (Underhill) Webster. His grandfather, Israel Webster, who was a farmer of Manchester and also operated a saw-mill there, first married a Miss Perham, who bore him nine children, all of whom are now deceased. Israel contracted a second marriage with Hannah Buswell, who bore him no children. In politics he was a Democrat. His brother, John Webster, served as an officer in the War of 1812, a fact which indicates that, notwithstanding the pacific pursuits of the family, there was fighting blood in them.

Joshua Webster, a son of Israel and the father of Daniel, was a native of Manchester, and received his education in the schools of that town and of Auburn. He conducted a



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grist and saw-mill in his native town, and also was prosperously engaged in farming. His wife, Betsey Underhill, a native of Chester, bore him seven children, three of whom are now living. These are: Israel N., who is living in Lisbon, N.H.; Daniel H., the subject of this sketch; and Annie, now the wife of George M. Robertson, of Concord, N.H. In his political faith, like his father, he was a Democrat. He was a conscientious member of the Methodist church. His death occurred in 1856, at the age of fifty-six years and five months.

Daniel H. Webster was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the district school. After leaving school he began farming for a living. He now owns a farm of about one hundred and twenty-five acres, comprising pasture, tillage, and wood land. Besides several horses he keeps a half-dozen cows, with whose milk he supplies quite a number of Manchester patrons. The people of Auburn have manifested their esteem for him by electing him Selectman for five terms, during one of which he was Chairman of the Board. He was also made the Trustee of the Town Library and a member of the School Board. Following the family line of political belief, he is a Democrat.

On December 24, 1874, he was married to Miss Mary E. Crouch, of Haverhill, Grafton County. Three children blessed the union; namely, George F., Minnie L., and Mary E., all residing at home. The family enjoy the comforts of a well-ordered and abundantly provided country home.

LEWIS E. GOVE, one of the town fathers of Kensington, N.H., a "forty-niner" and a Grand Army man, was born in Portsmouth, this State, February 13, 1825, son of Lewis and Susan (Tilton) Gove. He belongs to an old New England family of English origin. His immigrant ancestor, John Gove, who was a London man, settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1646, and died there in November, 1647. His son Edward, who was born in England in 1639, was a resident of Salisbury, Mass., as early as 1657, and died in Hampton, N.H., July 29, 1691. His wife's name was Hannah Titcomb. They were married some years before removing to Hampton. (See History of Hampton, N.H.)

John Gove, the son of this couple, was born on September 19, 1661, and died in Hampton Falls, October 15, 1737. John Gove and his wife Sarah were the parents of John Gove, Jr., who was born in Hampton Falls, in that part of the town later known as Seabrook, May 29, 1689, and died there March 23, 1759. This gentleman married in 1720 Ruth Johnson, a native of Hampton, born February 24, 1695, who died in Seabrook, June 30, 1766. Their son, Obadiah, the third of a family of seven children, was born in Seabrook, September 2, 1723, and died in Kensington in 1780. His wife, Mary Dow, was born in Salisbury, Mass., November 24, 1728, and died in Kensington, October 21, 1811.

Enoch Gove, son of Obadiah and Mary (Dow) Gove, was born in Kensington, August 10, 1764. He was one of the most industrious of the early settlers of the town, and cleared a large tract of land there. In politics he was a Whig. He died in Kensington, December 3, 1828. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Dearborn, was born in Kensington, July 23, 1768, and died there June 2, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Gove were Quakers in early life, and later joined the Congregational church. They were the parents of seven children, one of whom is living; namely, Mrs. Lucinda Shattuck, of Ludlow, Ky., who has one child — Ada, wife of Thomas Howard.

Lewis Gove, son of Enoch and Hannah (Dearborn) Gove, was born in Kensington, January 9, 1796, and passed his boyhood on the farm now occupied by his son. When he was eighteen years of age he engaged as a butcher in Portsmouth, N.H., remaining there until 1837. In that year he returned to Kensington and turned his attention to agriculture, spending the rest of his life on the home farm. He was one of the leading citizens of Kensington, active among the Democrats of the district, and served as Selectman and as Representative to the General Court. He died in July, 1842. His wife was a daughter of Jeremiah Tilton, of Kensington. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gove were Unitarians in religious

belief. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Lewis E., the subject of this sketch; Harriet A.; Andrew, who married Miss Rosepha Gillman, and is now living in South Dakota; and Clinton, who married Miss Anna Piper, of Stratham, and has two children — Irving and Ralph.

Lewis E. Gove received his primary education in Portsmouth, being twelve years of age when his parents removed to Kensington. He worked about the farm in youth and early manhood; and in 1849, one of the first to catch the gold fever, he went to California, taking passage on the ship "Charlotte," which sailed from Boston for San Francisco by the way of Cape Horn. The voyage consumed one hundred and eighty-eight days; and Mr. Gove arrived in the Golden State, September 8, 1849. He remained two years, mining with varied success, and in 1851, weary of the rough and lawless life of the mining camps, returned to Kensington. In 1853 he went to Lexington, Ky., where as a contractor he worked for two years on the construction of the Cincinnati, Lexington & Danville Railroad. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the New Hampshire battalion of the First Rhode Island Cavalry, so called at that time, this State furnishing one battalion and Rhode Island two. Later there were two distinct regiments, First New Hampshire and First Rhode Island Cavalry. His three years in the army — in malarial camp, on gory battlefield, and in wearisome forced marches under the burning sun of the South — satisfied his adventurous spirit. The war having closed, he was discharged from the army in July, 1865. From 1869 to April, 1877, Mr. Gove lived in Rhode Island. He has since resided in New Hampshire. One of the substantial citizens of Kensington, Mr. Gove is highly respected by his townsmen, and has long occupied a prominent place in the community.

He was married in 1867 to Sophia T., daughter of Josiah B. and Mary (Tilton) Sanborn, of Kensington. He has no children. Mr. Gove is a Republican, and has held many offices of public trust. He was Selectman of the town one year, Tax Collector one year, and was elected Representative in 1895. He keeps fresh the memories and associations of the gold diggings in California as a member of the Society of California Pioneers of New England; and he belongs to Moses N. Collins Post, No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, of Exeter, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Gove attend the Congregational church.

WALTER H. STICKNEY, a leading citizen and successful druggist of Epping, N.H., was born in this town, October 24, 1849, son of David and Nancy P. (Hale) Stickney.

His father, David Stickney, is a native of Athens, Me., and came to Rockingham County when a young man. For several years he was a successful tailor in Epping, and subsequently engaged in farming, which occupation he still follows. He was for some years Postmaster of Epping; but his quiet and unassuming disposition inclines him to reject alike the honors and responsibilities of public office, and he prefers to devote his time and attention to his own private affairs. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy P. Hale, and who was a most estimable woman, died in 1892.

Walter H. Stickney's opportunities for obtaining an education were confined to the common schools. He made the most of them, however; and at the age of fourteen he began life for himself as an operative in a shoe factory. He was subsequently employed as a clerk; and in 1871 he engaged in the drug business, which he has since followed with energy and success. He has a centrally located establishment, which is well stocked with drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, fancy articles, and contains the necessary facilities for the compounding of physicians' prescriptions. A thoroughly trustworthy apothecary, Mr. Stickney has secured the confidence and liberal patronage of the general public. In politics he supports the Republican party, and has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, as Town Clerk, and Treasurer. He has also been his party's candidate for Representative to the legislature. He was Deputy Postmaster under his father and Postmaster himself under two Republican administrations.

In 1870 Mr. Stickney was united in mar-

riage to Clara J. Holt, his first wife, who was a daughter of Frank Holt, of Wilmington, Mass. After twenty years of happy married life, she died in 1890. His second wife, whom he wedded in 1892, was before marriage Carrie N. Blanchard, also of Wilmington. She is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Stickney is prominently connected with various social and fraternal organizations. He is well advanced in Masonry, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Commandery. He has been Treasurer of the lodge of Odd Fellows here since its formation, and is also connected with the encampment. He is besides a member of the Royal Arcanum.

GEORGE S. ROLLINS, agent for the American Express Company at Derry Depot, is a native of Deerfield, this county, born August 10, 1835. His grandfather, Francis Rollins, was one of the early settlers of Deerfield and one of the brave and patriotic soldiers who won our independence in the Revolutionary War.

Sewell P. Rollins, born in Deerfield, March 14, 1807, was a lifelong resident of the town. He was engaged during the larger portion of his active life in general farming, and was familiarly known to his townsmen as Captain Rollins, having served as Captain of a company in the State militia for several years. He died September 1, 1888, in his eighty-second year. Captain Rollins married Sophronia C. Lang, also a native of Rockingham County. Of their children two are now living, namely: George S., the subject of this sketch; and Annie E., the widow of the late J. Frank Gordon, of Manchester, N.H. Francis S., an elder brother of George S., born in Deerfield, January 10, 1832, enlisted for service in the Civil War in 1861, becoming a member of Company D, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, and died of disease in the South. In politics Captain Rollins was an earnest advocate of the principles of the Democratic party.

George S. Rollins was reared to farm life in his Deerfield home, remaining with his parents until twenty years of age. He then began the battle of life on his own account. Going to the city of Lowell, Mass., he secured a position with Hapgood Wright, wholesale and retail dealer in boots and shoes, and for a number of years travelled for him, the route taking him through portions of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. Having decided to make a permanent location, Mr. Rollins settled at Derry Depot in 1879, establishing himself in a mercantile business. He was prosperously engaged in this for several years, sometimes with a partner and sometimes without, being at one time the only merchant in this part of the town. He has been somewhat interested in the real estate business here, and for a while was Postmaster at Derry Depot. Some time ago Mr. Rollins retired from active business for a time; and his son, the late George F. Rollins, opened a store at this place for the sale of books, stationery, and patent medicines. In its management Mr. Rollins gave his son much assistance. Upon the sudden death of the latter, April 18, 1890, he took the store, and has since conducted it with signal success. In July, 1893, he was appointed agent of the American Express Company, and has since performed the duties of this office with satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Rollins was married January 1, 1857, to Miss Rosina Hayward, a native of Vermont. Their only son, George F. Rollins, died, as above mentioned, at the early age of twenty-two years. He was a young man of excellent business qualifications, a Republican in politics, popular with his companions and friends, and a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, having been Clerk of the order at the time of his demise. His father, who is also a Republican, is now serving on the Town Board of Supervisors. He is a member of Echo Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Derry Depot; and of the United Order of the Golden Cross of Manchester, N.H.

GEORGE W. GOODRICH, a farmer of Nottingham, N.H., was born here on August 23, 1844, son of Nathan G. T. and Betsey Ann (Cate) Goodrich. The traditional account of the Goodrich family goes back to William Goodridge and Margaret, his

wife, who came from Bury St. Edmund's, Suffolkshire, England, to America about 1630, and a few years later settled in Newbury, Mass., which comprised the present towns of Newburyport, West Newbury, Georgetown, and Byfield. He took up a large tract of land and cleared himself a farm. William and Margaret Goodridge were the parents of three sons — Joseph, Jeremiah, and Benjamin.

Although the descent has not been traced, it is supposed that George W. Goodrich is a descendant of Jeremiah, who was born in 1638. His great-grandfather, Barnard Goodrich, Sr., was born in Newbury, Mass. He married a Miss Carr, of Fremont, Rockingham County, N.H.; and their married life was spent on a farm in that town. Barnard Goodrich, Jr., was born in Fremont. He chose farming as a life occupation. In 1800 he came to Nottingham, and four years later settled in that part of the town called Pautuckaway-in-the-Mountain, where he purchased about one hundred acres of land and cleared a portion of it. He was a progressive and hard-working man, and highly esteemed throughout the community. For his first wife he married Miss Eunice Cheney, of Kingston, N.H., by whom he had six children. The following is a brief record of five of them who grew to maturity: Gilman moved to Wisconsin, had a large family; Moses C. lived in Kingston, N.H., had three children; Jeremiah died in Nottingham, had two sons; Barnard lived in Gardiner, Me., had a large family; John lived in Athens, Me., had several children. Mrs. Eunice C. Goodrich died in 1807. The second and last wife of Barnard Goodrich, Jr., was Miss Sally Gove, who was born in Nottingham on October 8, 1782. Seven children blessed this union, but all have now passed away.

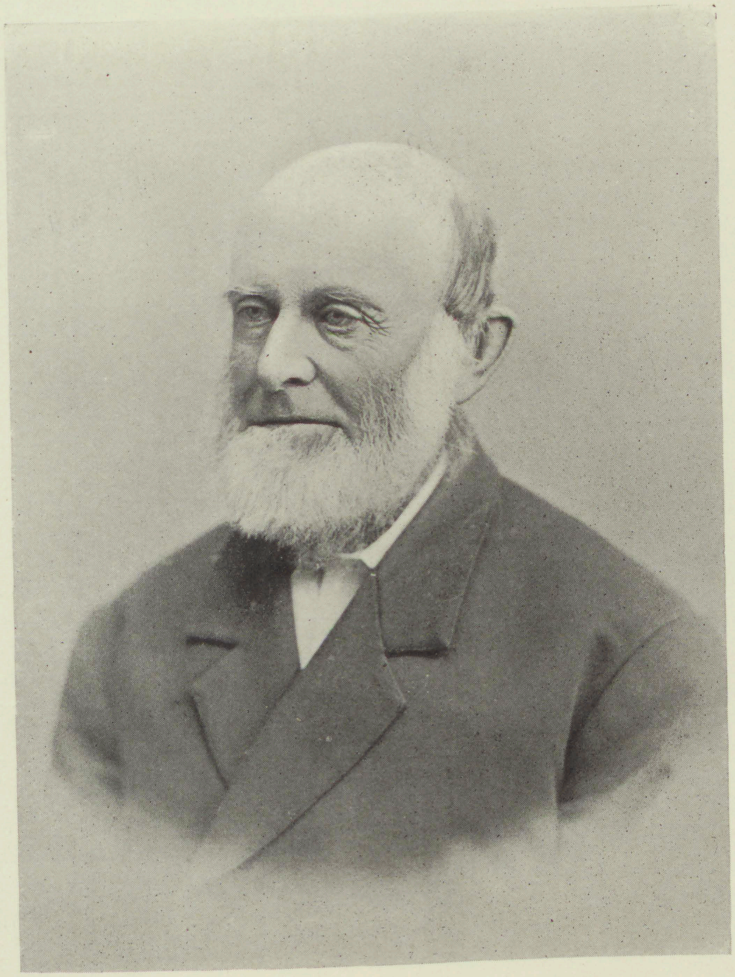
Nathan G. T., the second child of Barnard and Sally (Gove) Goodrich, was born February 27, 1810, at the old homestead on the mountain. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, making the heavy boots and shoes of those days. After following this calling for a few years, he returned to the old farm, which he carried on until his death on June 28, 1884. He was prominent in town affairs and very successful considering his opportunities in life, leaving a good property. Prior to the formation of the Republican party he was a Democrat, but ever after he affiliated with the new-formed party. He was the first Republican sent from Nottingham to the State legislature, being first elected in 1857 and re-elected the following year. On June 27, 1840, he was joined in marriage with Miss Betsey Ann Cate, a daughter of Francis Cate, of Nottingham. She was born on March 5, 1818, and died on June 23, 1877.

George W. Goodrich, the only child of his parents, received his education in the schools of Nottingham. After leaving school he learned photography at Exeter and Concord, N.H., and conducted a studio on his own account for a number of years in Newport, N.H. In 1872 he returned to the old homestead, and has since devoted his attention to general farming. Six years ago, in 1890, he purchased a tract of four hundred and fifty acres of land near the old homestead, but still resides on the latter.

On November 17, 1887, he was married to Miss Susan J. Carleton, a daughter of William and Fanny (Russell) Carleton, of Haverhill, Mass. They have no children. Mr. Goodrich holds liberal views in religion, his wife being a Methodist. He is a member of the Grange of Patrons of Husbandry of Hampton Falls, N.H.

DAVID F. BARTLETT, a prominent agriculturist of Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in the adjacent town of Nottingham, this county, in May, 1827. His parents were David and Susanna (Cilley) Bartlett. The family are of English descent. John Bartlett, the earliest known ancestor, came from England in the ship "Mary and John," settling in Newbury, Mass., in 1634.

The succeeding generations were represented in the order here named by Richard, Thomas, and Israel, the latter of whom came from Newbury and established the old Bartlett homestead in Nottingham. Thomas Bartlett, son of Israel and the grandfather of David F., was a native of that town. He served his country during the Revolutionary War as Lieutenant Colonel under General Stark at the surrender of Burgoyne, and also as commander of a com-



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pany at West Point. He was a man of prominence, who officiated as Representative, Speaker of the House, and as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas. David, the father, above named, son of Thomas, was also born in Nottingham, where he spent many years of his life, being actively engaged in farming. In 1842 he moved to Epping, and here became a man of note, dying in 1868. His wife was a daughter of Greenleaf Cilley, of Nottingham. The Cilley family were also of English origin, tracing their ancestry in New Hampshire back for a period of more than two and a half centuries. Mrs. Susanna C. Bartlett finished her earthly career ten years before her husband, dying in 1858.

David F., or Fred Bartlett, as he is familiarly called by his friends, had only the educational advantages of a district school. He was practically trained to farming in his youth, and has continued to follow that honored calling. He owns a fine farm of two hundred acres with substantial buildings thereon. In politics Mr. Bartlett has cast his vote with the Republican party since its organization. He does not seek political distinction, but he has served two terms as Selectman.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in 1857, was Laura A. Towle. Her parents were Dearborn H. and Hannah S. (Blaisdell) Towle, both belonging to old and prominent families of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have four children, who are intelligent, cultivated, and useful members of society, as follows: Emma J., who married Frank E. Sanborn, a teacher by profession, now (1896) engaged in Orleans, Mass., and has one child, Bernice S.; Susan H. Bartlett, a teacher in this town; Elizabeth A., who is teaching in Conway, Mass.; and Mary B. Bartlett, who is completing her studies in Durham College. The mother and her daughters are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Bartlett and his estimable wife are passing the twilight of their well-spent lives in their comfortable farm-house near Epping. They and their family enjoy the respect and good-will of the community.

An admirable likeness of this representative citizen of Rockingham County is herewith presented.

BENJAMIN F. CRAM, one of the oldest active farmers of Kingston, was born in Hampton Falls, this county, January 3, 1821, son of Benjamin and Rebecca F. (White) Cram. His grandfather, Jonathan Cram, a native of Hampton Falls, where he resided for many years, moved from there to Marietta, Ohio, where his last days were passed.

Benjamin Cram was born in Hampton Falls, and was reared to farm life in that town. After marriage he settled in Pittsfield, N.H., where he bought a farm, and lived on it for two years. He then sold it, and, returning to his native town, was engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred in July, 1831, at the age of forty-four years. He married Rebecca F. White, whose mother's sister was the wife of Daniel Webster, the distinguished statesman. She was a native of Pittsfield, N.H.; and she reared a family of six children. These were: Mary, who died in 1891; Jonathan, now deceased; Eunice L., the wife of Thomas Putnam, of Danvers, Mass.; Gracia, the widow of the late Charles Emery, residing in Boston; Daniel W., who married Emily Felch, and resides in Monroe, Ohio; and Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Cram's mother lived to be over eighty years old.

Benjamin F. Cram acquired his education in the district school and at a private academy. He remained upon the farm after his father's death, and when old enough took charge of the property, which he conducted with success until his mother's death. In 1857 he sold the homestead in Hampton Falls; and, moving to Kingston, he bought a piece of agricultural property located near the village. Here he erected a comfortable residence, which has since been his home. The farm has been much improved since it came into his possession. The land at the present time is in a good state of cultivation, and the buildings are good. Besides conducting his farm he has also worked at his trade of shoemaking. Although he is now seventy-five years old, he still attends to his every-day duties with a degree of activity unusual for one of his age.

On November 4, 1846, Mr. Cram wedded Elizabeth S. Smith. She was born in Brent-

wood, N.H., December 9, 1824, daughter of Caleb and Sarah (Tuck) Smith, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer. Both of Mrs. Cram's parents died in Brentwood. Mr. and Mrs. Cram are the parents of five children, namely: Julia L., the wife of Woodbury D. Collins, of Danville, N.H., a shoemaker and farmer; Frank Herbert, a carriage builder, who married Hattie Bushnell, and lives in New Haven, Conn.; Sarah E., the wife of George E. Bailey, of Kingston village, a farmer; Milan C., a shoe manufacturer, who married Ella Perham, and resides in Haverhill, Mass.; and Charlotte Lincoln, born on the day of President Lincoln's assassination, who is unmarried, and resides with her parents. All have had the advantage of a good education, and are well situated in life. In politics Mr. Cram is a Republican. He has never sought public office, but he has served the town efficiently as Tax Collector for the past ten years. He has been a member of the Congregational church for fifty-five years, holding the office of Deacon for fifteen of those years. Mrs. Cram is united with the Baptist church.

CLINTON L. SILVER, a well-known resident of the town of Salem, Rockingham County, N.H., and a prominent member of the Salem School Board, was born on September 20, 1852, son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth A. (Crowell) Silver. His mother was a native of Haverhill, Mass. The founder of the family fortunes in America was his grandfather, Asa Silver. He was an Englishman by birth, but came to this country when a young man and settled in Salem, where his son Andrew was born and brought up.

Andrew Silver was in his younger days a shoe manufacturer, and subsequently worked at farming and lumbering. He had to make his own way in life, and worked hard for it. He was a member of the Republican party. By his marriage with Miss Crowell he had two children — Clinton L., whose life story up to the present time is here outlined; and Lizzie, deceased. Andrew Silver, who passed all his life in Salem, died here in September, 1882.

Clinton L. Silver was brought up, like his father, in the town of Salem, N.H., and from his youth has been engaged in shoemaking and farming. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and afterward for a short time attended Pinkerton Academy in the neighboring town of Derry, N.H. He was married on September 20, 1875, on his twenty-third birthday, to Paulina C. Ayer, a native of Salem and the daughter of William B. and Paulina G. (Kelley) Ayer, also both of Salem. Her father, William B. Ayer, had been a resident of Salem all his life. He was the son of Ebenezer Ayer, who belonged to a family of old settlers in the town.

Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Ayer, seven still survive, namely: Martha E., the wife of N. G. Abbott; Charles H.; Lucy J.; Benjamin F.; Esther M., the wife of Amos Spurr; Paulina C., the wife of Mr. Silver; and William H. Mr. and Mrs. Silver have five children — Ernest L., who is at present a student at Dartmouth College; Lizzie L.; Edna F.; Lillian B.; and Elsie A.

Mr. Silver is well known as a public-spirited man, who is always willing to help in every scheme to benefit his fellow-citizens and his native town in any way. In his politics he is a stanch Republican. He and his wife are faithful and energetic members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which church he is a Trustee. He also officiates both as superintendent of the Sunday-school and as leader of the Methodist Episcopal choir. Mr. Silver and his wife invariably take an active part in all social gatherings. They are highly useful members of society, and justly enjoy the confidence and admiration of their neighbors and fellow townsmen and townswomen. Mr. Silver is an influential member of the Salem Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

GRANVILLE W. KNOX, an enterprising farmer of Newington, was born in Berwick, York County, Me., on August 18, 1831. His father was Augustus Knox.

Granville W. Knox lived with his parents on the home farm in Berwick until he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Ports-

mouth where he became the inside manager of the Cleaves & Walker Factory, remaining with that firm for about twenty-eight years. In political outlook he is a Republican. In 1851 Mr. Knox was united in marriage with Miss Eliza A. Roberts, daughter of James and Elizabeth A. Roberts, being one of seven children, one son and six daughters.

Her mother was a direct descendant of the distinguished Adams family of Massachusetts, being a daughter of Nathan Webb, and great-grand-daughter of the Rev. Joseph Adams, a noted preacher here, who established the Congregational church and served as its pastor for sixty-nine years. He was an uncle of John Adams, the second President of the United States. The Rev. Joseph Adams had three sons and one daughter, who died in infancy. There were thirty-one acres in the homestead, where Mr. Adams died at the ripe old age of ninety-two years. The farm has been in the Adams family ever since, until taken by Granville W. Knox, the subject of this sketch, who mortgaged it to the Adams family. The Rev. Joseph was the first occupant, locating here as early as 1715. The present house was built in 1717, and is probably the oldest house standing in use in the town of Newington.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox have three children; namely, Eva L., Mary E., and James H. Eva L. is the wife of Albert Pray. They reside in Portsmouth and have had eight children — Mattie, Richard, Annie L., Bessie, one who died in infancy, Lucy, Franklin N. (deceased), and Ruth Pray. Mary E. Knox married Frank P. Coleman, and in 1891 died, leaving two children — Perry A. and William N. Coleman. James H. Knox married Miss Lena Shaw, and has two children — Elbridge A. and Pauline E. Knox. They reside on the homestead with Mr. Knox, the father and grandfather.

BENNING SANBORN, a well-known shoemaker and farmer of Sandown township, N.H., was born on the homestead where he now lives, October 25, 1837. He is a son of the late Jonathan B. and Rachel S. Sanborn.

Jonathan B. Sanborn was born and reared in the town of Fremont, Rockingham County, of which his father, Moses H. Sanborn, was a resident. In 1837 Jonathan removed to Sandown, purchasing the farm now owned by his son Benning, and was from that time until his death, nearly fifty years later, August 30, 1884, engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife, formerly Rachel S. Tilton, was born and reared in Sandown, and here passed her last days, dying December 27, 1887, on the home farm. They had seven children, as follows: Benning; Alva S., who is engaged in mercantile business in the village of Sandown; Moses H., of Haverhill, Mass.; Justin, living in Londonderry, this county; John, who died when young; Aroline H., the wife of Horace T. Grover, of Sandown; and Emma G., who lives in Derry, N.H.

Benning Sanborn acquired his education in the common schools of his native town, remaining beneath the parental roof until twenty years of age. For a time thereafter he worked in this vicinity as a farm laborer; but, finding the continuous outdoor toil too hard for him, he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he was engaged until obliged to return home on account of the failing health of his father. Since that time Mr. Sanborn has had control of the homestead property, and is now the owner of a farm of one hundred and ten acres. He carries on general farming quite extensively, but hires most of the work done, his own strength still being insufficient for the labor, and devotes his own time to shoemaking. His shop is located on his farm; and in it he makes ladies' turned shoes, working for a firm in Haverhill, Mass., and producing on an average from ten to twelve pairs of shoes per day.

Mr. Sanborn is a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and takes an intelligent interest in every enterprise conducive to the public welfare. He has served his townsmen in various capacities, having been Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Tax Collector, and a member of the School Board. Socially, he is a Mason, belonging to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 144, A. F. & A. M., of Derry, N.H.; and he is a member of the local grange and also of Pomona Grange of Derry, this county.

Mr. Sanborn was married November 23, 1868, to Miss Flora E. Meader, a native of Atkinson, Me. Mrs. Sanborn is a daughter of the late Joseph Meader and his wife, Mercy Dexter, who died when Mrs. Sanborn was but nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn are the parents of three children, namely: John Frank, who is working in a shoe factory at Haverhill, Mass.; Mary E., the wife of Arthur G. Fitts, of Haverhill, Mass.; and Florence Alice, who lives at home. Mrs. Sanborn is a member of the Congregational Church of Sandown.

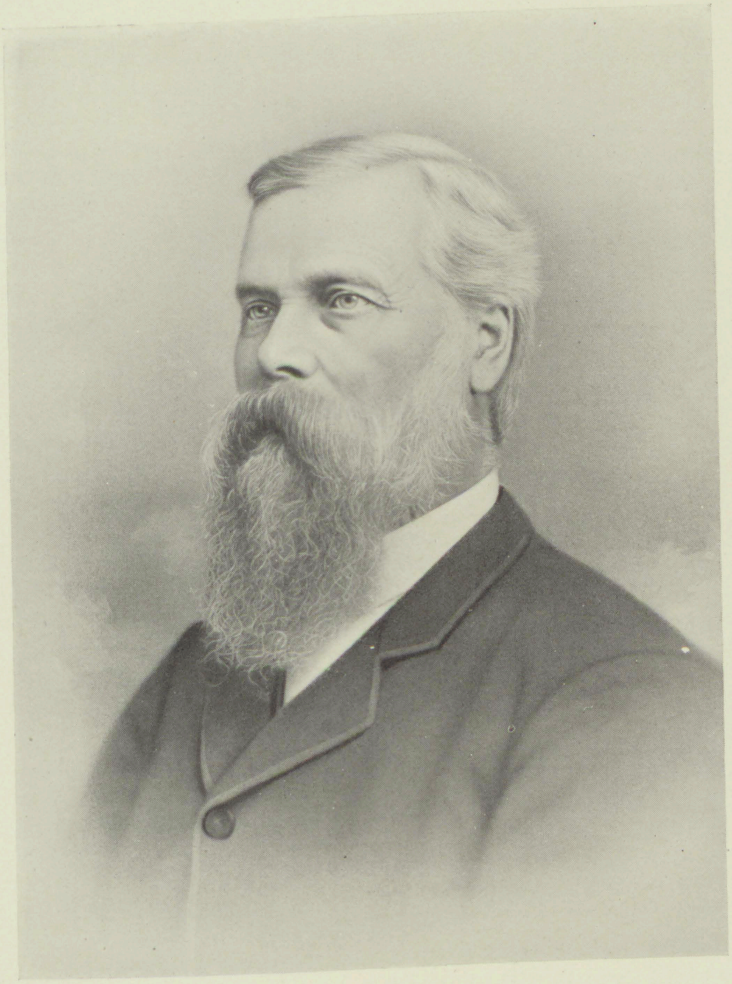
LYMAN A. DICKEY, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Londonderry, N. H., was born in Stockbridge, Vt., October 20, 1840. He is the son of William and Phœbe (Webster) Dickey, both natives of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. His paternal grandfather, David Dickey, also a native of Hillsborough County, was a son of one of the early pioneers of that section of the State. William Dickey, son of David, removed from his native place to Boston, Mass., where he lived for a number of years. Late in the forties, at the time of the excitement caused by the discovery of gold in California, he was one of the first to seek the El Dorado of the West; and he died in California. His wife was the grand-daughter of Major Webster, an officer in the Revolutionary army.

Lyman A. Dickey was reared to man's estate in Manchester, Hillsborough County, on a farm, and received a limited common-school education; but in the years that have passed since his boyhood he has covered a wide field of reading, and has largely made up for his early deficiencies. Having learned the blacksmith's trade, he worked for a while as a journeyman; and in April, 1861, amid the wild excitement caused by the bombardment of Fort Sumter, he left the fire of his peaceful forge to face the blaze of the rebel artillery, enlisting in Company I, Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. One of the first one hundred men in the State to answer to the President's call for troops, he was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in the initial shock of arms between the two great forces — the first battle of Bull Run. After that he was in twenty-six important engagements, including many of the battles of McClellan's campaign to Richmond, also Antietam, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, the second battle of Bull Run, Williamsburg, and the siege of Yorktown, and a number of skirmishes. During the second battle of Bull Run he was wounded in the right arm. Mr. Dickey was in the army three years, and was honorably discharged in June, 1864. For a number of years thereafter he resided in Manchester, managing a small farm and working at his trade, which he followed for twenty-five years. In the spring of 1887 he removed to Londonderry, locating on the farm which he now occupies, a fine estate of one hundred and sixty-five acres.

Mr. Dickey was married in July, 1864, to Miss Emma A. Libbie, and by that union had three children — Nelson H., William G., and Carrie M. His present wife, who was before marriage Miss Lana S. George, is the mother of one child, George W. Dickey.

As a farmer Mr. Dickey is very successful; and he is a prominent member of Londonderry Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. A public-spirited man, he takes an active interest in town affairs, and has the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He served as Selectman of Manchester, and is now serving his second year as Chairman of the Londonderry Board of Selectmen. As a Grand Army man he is a member of Wesley B. Knight Post, No. 41, of Londonderry.

ALBERT FIELD, of whom a portrait is presented, is a retired merchant of South New Market and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature. He was born in Peterboro, N. H., July 14, 1825, son of William and Mary (McAllister) Field. Mr. Field's grandfather, John Field, who was a tanner by trade, moved from Braintree, Mass., to Peterboro about the year 1785, and followed his calling there for the rest of his active life. He was a good business man, a worthy citizen, had the respect and good will of his fellow-townsmen, and lived to a good old age. He married Ruth



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Thayer, who also attained an advanced age. They reared eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom William, Mr. Field's father, was the third son.

William Field was born in Braintree, November 18, 1782. In young manhood he removed to Peterboro, where he afterward was a successful farmer. He also found time to discharge the duties of a commissioned officer in the old State militia. In politics he was originally a Whig, but in his latter years he supported the Republican party. He died in 1863, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, Mary, who was born in Peterboro, November 26, 1785, became the mother of fifteen children, all of whom grew to maturity. Of these there are living: Catherine, born April 20, 1813; Franklin, born May 1, 1819; Ruth, born October 9, 1820; Albert, the subject of this sketch; and Lois, born October 23, 1826. The others were: William J., born January 4, 1809; Alexander H., born December 22, 1809; Mary A., born March 22, 1811; John G., born April 14, 1812; Charles, born September 18, 1814; Harriett, born May 7, 1816; Jeremiah, born July 12, 1817; Charlotte, born March 11, 1822; Henry, born October 30, 1823; and Eunice, born October 9, 1829. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. The mother's death occurred in 1857.

Albert Field grew to manhood in Peterboro, acquiring his education in the district school and at the academy. In 1847 he came to Newfields, where he was first employed as a laborer at the Squamscot Machine Works. Taking advantage of the opportunity there afforded him, he learned the machinist's trade, and thereafter worked at it in the same place until 1864. He then engaged in a general mercantile business, and prosperously carried it on for twenty-five years, acquiring a comfortable competence. In 1889 he sold out, and is now living in retirement. Politically, he is a Republican, and has for many years been identified with public affairs in this town. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for four years, during two of which he was Chairman of that body. He represented his district in the State legislature in 1861, was Postmaster from 1868 to 1884, and has been a Justice of the Peace since 1857. His connection with fraternal organizations is limited to membership in the Royal Arcanum.

On January 14, 1851, Mr. Field was united in marriage to Mehitable Perkins, a native of Newfields. She died in 1883, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth P., who is now the wife of C. W. Scott, of Andover, Mass. On June 22, 1892, Mr. Field wedded for his second wife Augusta E. Russell. She was born in Newbury, Mass., May 15, 1861, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Phœbe (Stillman) Russell. Mr. Russell was a native of Roxbury, Mass., and lived to be sixty-two years old; while his wife, who was born in Newburyport, Mass., died at the age of twenty-four years. Besides Mrs. Field they reared a son, John D. Russell, who was born January 13, 1858, and now resides in Beverly, Mass. Mr. Field has made an unexceptionable record as a public servant In the State legislature he was a watchful guardian of the interests of his constituency. It is needless to say that he is held in high regard in the town.

ALANSON C. HAINES, the efficient Cashier of the New Market National Bank, was born here in 1843, son of Washington and Abigail (Folsom) Haines, both natives of this county. The father was born in Greenland, this county, but left there early in life, going with his parents to Loudon, Merrimack County. His principal business enterprises were the manufacture of wood machinery and cotton batting. He died in 1886. His wife, a native of New Market, now eighty-six years old, is still living.

Alanson C. Haines received his education in the New Market schools, supplemented by study in Pembroke, Merrimack County. He subsequently left the home farm to don the blue. He enlisted in Company D, Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. After serving for twelve months, he joined Company K, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Captain, afterward Judge, Sherman. On his return from the war he learned the cooper's trade, and followed it for a time. He afterward engaged in the manufacture of cotton batting cards. About this time Mr.

Haines received the appointment of Assistant Assessor in the United States Internal Revenue Service, and had filled the office two years when it was abolished. During the next two years he worked for T. H. Wiswall & Co., paper manufacturers, as book-keeper. Mercantile pursuits then engaged his attention for a few years, after which other occupations were followed until 1883, when he entered the New Market National Bank as clerk. Nine years later he was chosen Cashier, which position he has filled ever since. In politics Mr. Haines is a Republican. In 1880 he served as census enumerator, and in 1877 and 1878 he officiated as Selectman. He is now serving as Chairman of the Board, having been re-elected in 1895 and 1896. In February he was appointed a delegate to the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Milwaukee, Wis., in 1896. Mr. Haines was also a prominent member of Company G, First New Hampshire National Guards, for five or six years, during which time he was promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain. He is a comrade of the George A. Gay Post, Grand Army of the Republic. In Masonry he has reached the thirty-second degree. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and also to Lamprey River Grange, No. 240.

Mr. Haines has been twice married. In 1868 he was united to Olivia Haley, daughter of John P. Haley, of Lee, N.H., who died in 1883. His second marriage was contracted with Clara Wiswall, a daughter of Thomas H. Wiswall, of Durham, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Haines have one daughter, Hannah W. The mother is a highly respected member of the Congregational church. Mr. Haine's acceptable prominence in military and Masonic circles contributes, no doubt, to his social popularity.

CAPTAIN GEORGE S. GARVIN, of North Londonderry, N.H., a mariner who has made many voyages to the whaling grounds of the South Pacific and the Northern seas, was born in Londonderry, March 18, 1845. He is the son of Benjamin F. and Nancy M. (Spinney) Garvin, both natives of Londonderry, and a grandson of Jacob Garvin, an early resident of Manchester, N.H. Benjamin F. Garvin spent his life in this county. A Republican in politics, he was a prominent man in Londonderry, and served on the Board of Selectmen. Of his children, five are living. These are: Augustus S., residing in Revere, Mass.; Eldora J., the wife of Frank Read, of Manchester; Clarence M., a resident of Londonderry; Arthur O.; and George S.

Captain George S. Garvin obtained his education in the public schools of Londonderry. In November, 1862, at the age of seventeen, he began an adventurous life by enlisting at Boston, Mass., in an independent company of volunteer soldiers. This organization was subsequently sent South, and consolidated with the Third Maryland Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, which was afterward united with the Fourth Maryland Regiment. The combined regiments served in the brigade of General Dix, who had charge of the troops at Baltimore, and were stationed in that city and vicinity for five months. At the expiration of that period Mr. Garvin was honorably discharged, and he returned to Londonderry. After some time spent in Londonderry, and a brief stay in Boston, Mass., in the spring of 1864 he embarked at New Bedford, Mass., aboard the "Orytaft," upon his first whaling voyage. The vessel went to Hudson Bay, and was absent eighteen months. Though life on a whaler is a hard one, it suited Mr. Garvin, who, after returning to New Bedford, shipped on the bark "Orlando." With this vessel he was connected seven years, making two voyages to the South Pacific in search of sperm whales. During the last three years he was its third mate. Subsequently he sailed from New Bedford as first mate of the bark "Stamboul," which was away forty-two months, cruising in the South Pacific; was master of the brig "Isabella," a Hudson Bay whaler, which was eighteen months out from New Bedford; and was chief mate of the bark "Gazelle," which sailed for the Arctic Ocean by doubling Cape Horn. After the "Gazelle" had been away thirty months Captain Garvin left her at San Francisco, and returned home overland. He was subsequently chief mate

of the bark "Mars," which took the same route, and which he left in a similar way at San Francisco, after a voyage of eighteen months. He made several other whaling trips to the arctic seas, including a two years' cruise as Captain of the steam bark "Orca," belonging to the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, and a three years' cruise as mate of the same vessel. A period of four years he spent at home. Although he has followed the sea for thirty-two years, Captain Garvin has no thought of retiring from his profession, but expects to make many more voyages to the home of the whale. He is a fascinating story-teller, with an exhaustless fund of anecdote.

October 26, 1877, Captain Garvin was united in marriage with Laura J. Furber, who died March 17, 1896, leaving one son, George O. In politics the Captain is a Republican. His wife was for thirty years a member of the Baptist church. He has a beautiful home in North Londonderry, made doubly attractive to visitors by his genial hospitality.

A. COBURN HOYT, teller of the Portsmouth Savings Bank, was born in Newington, this county, May 5, 1835, son of John and Elizabeth (Dame) Hoyt. The family has resided in Rockingham County for three generations. Its earliest representatives in this country appeared in Salem, Mass., in 1638, and in Salisbury, N.H., in 1640. Little doubt is entertained that they came originally from England. Most of the Hoyts, or Hayts, are descended from Simon and John Hayt. Many of the Haights in the United States are descendants of Samuel Haight, or Hayt, a member of the Society of Friends, who settled in Flushing, L.I., in 1634. The probability is that Samuel was a grandson of Simon Hoyt, whose surname was the version used in 1418 and 1453, and is the one commonly accepted now.

Samuel Hoyt, grandfather of A. Coburn Hoyt, was a native of Newington. A farmer by occupation, he followed that calling in Newington and Durham, N.H., and died at the age of seventy. He married his cousin, Nancy Adams, a daughter of Ezekiel Adams, who was a descendant in the direct line of John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States. Of their ten children they reared seven, who were: John, born March 30, 1802; Mary, born December 25, 1803; Elizabeth F., born February 20, 1806; Samuel, born November 21, 1809; Alfred M., born April 18, 1812; Sarah R., born August 21, 1816; and Charles A., born September 10, 1820. Alfred M. kept school in Portsmouth for many years. Samuel was a Methodist preacher, who followed his vocation in Durham, Newington, and Methuen, Mass., and in the last place married Eliza Colby.

John Hoyt, who was a native of Newington, followed farming very prosperously in Durham, and afterward in Newington, where he died at the age of sixty-six years. He was three times married. His first marriage was with Elizabeth Dame, of Newington, who died in 1842, having borne him seven children. These were: James W., John E., Martha Ann, Frances, A. Coburn, Samuel W., and Martin. By his second wife, Martha A. (Nutter) Hoyt, he became the father of one child, Adeline. His third wife, whose maiden name was Abigail P. Coleman, bore him five children, of whom three are living; namely, Henry, Jackson M., and Nancy.

A. Coburn Hoyt received his education in the common schools of Newington, continuing his attendance until 1851, when he reached the age of sixteen years. He taught school in Auburn, N.H., during the following year, but spent the next year in studying at the Northfield (N.H.) Seminary, now named Tilton Seminary. After this he engaged in school-teaching again, spending the winters of 1853 and 1854 in Rye, this county; of 1855 and 1856 in Portsmouth; and that of 1857 in Elliott, N.H. He came again to Portsmouth in 1858, and taught there continuously until 1869, when he accepted the position of teller in the old Portsmouth Savings Bank. He has been employed in this capacity since, winning the sincere respect of all who have had dealings with the bank. In addition to this employment he has also been engaged in the business of a civil engineer for the past

twenty-five years, and at present does all the surveying needed by the city.

In 1868 Mr. Hoyt was united in matrimony with Emily S. Rogers, daughter of George Rogers, of Portsmouth. He has seven children, all of whom are living. They are: Roger, who is book-keeper in the coal office of J. A. & A. W. Walker, Portsmouth; Frank C., a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1890, who is a designer for the Vermont Construction Company of St. Albans; George A., who is a skilful mechanic of Portsmouth; Emily J., who is the wife of J. Arthur Heaton, a coal merchant of Brookline, Mass.; Grace L., who resides at home; and Robert E. and Roland, who are still students of the Portsmouth High School.

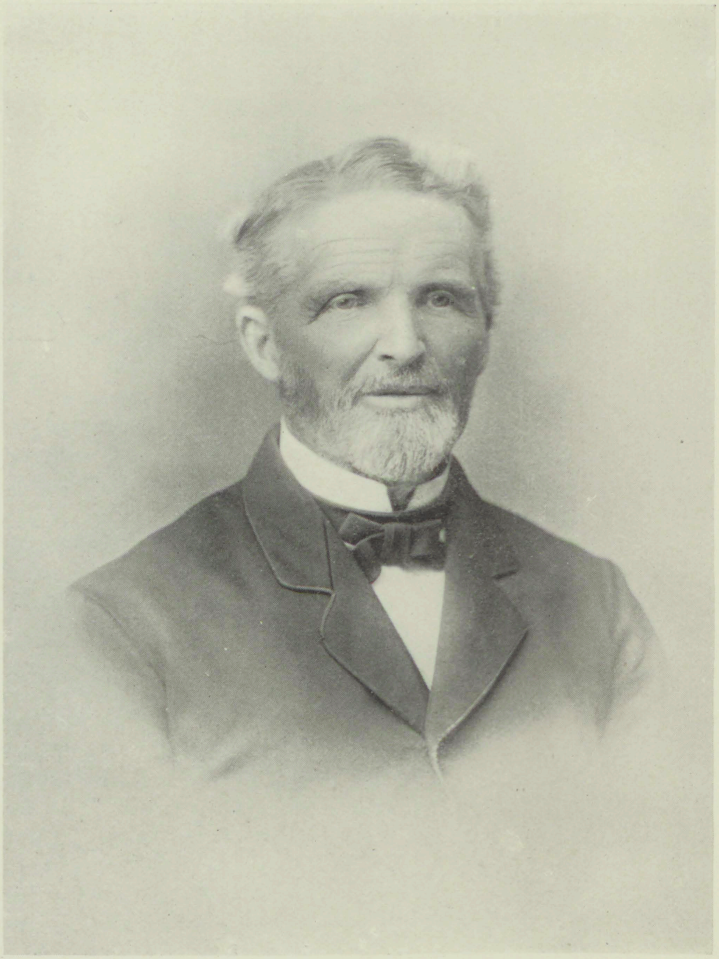
Mr. Hoyt is a member of the Unitarian church, and has been its Treasurer since 1881. In politics he has always been a Republican. He served the city as Alderman in 1876 and 1877. He was on the School Board for six years, serving three years on the High School Committee; and he represented Ward 1 in the State legislature of 1881. His connection with fraternal organizations embraces membership in the Legion of Honor and Royal Arcanum and Mutual Relief Association.

HON. JOHN J. LASKEY, ex-Mayor of Portsmouth, and one of the prominent merchants of the city, was born in Portsmouth, December 25, 1840. He is a son of William and Martha (Jones) Laskey, the former a native of Newburyport, Mass., and the latter of Portsmouth. William Laskey, born in 1800, who learned rope-making in his native town, followed that trade for many years in Portsmouth, and died there at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who was a lifelong resident of Portsmouth, lived to be fourscore and six. They reared seven children — Martha A., Walter B., William F., Lucy M., B. Stowe, Sarah, and John J.

John J. Laskey received his education in Portsmouth, attending the Haven School, and graduating from the high school. He first obtained employment in the grocery store of Lafayette Leighton, and was next engaged as clerk in the dry-goods store of Jones & Mendum. In 1863 he went to Detroit, where for two years he was in the employ of Baldwin & Co., boot and shoe dealers. He then became a commercial traveller for the same firm, in which capacity he visited many Western States, and acquired a valuable experience in business. In the spring of 1865 he was drafted into the United States army; but the Civil War was then near its close, and he was honorably discharged at the end of five weeks. In 1867 he obtained employment as clerk in the office of John A. Johnson, of Boston, Mass., manufacturer and wholesale dealer in tinware, with whom he remained three years. He was then successively employed in Portsmouth by Earing & Martin and N. F. Mathes & Co. In 1882 he opened the grocery store on Pleasant Street, which he has prosperously conducted since. In 1890 he was elected a member of the corporation of the Portsmouth Savings Bank.

He cast his first Presidential vote for General McClellan in 1864, and has since been a stanch Democrat. In 1883 he was appointed Assistant Postmaster of Portsmouth, and served two years. In 1888 he was elected City Collector and Treasurer, and served three years. He served on the Board of Education continuously from 1883 to 1893, and in 1891 and 1892 he was elected Mayor of the city. He is Past Chief Patriarch and Past Grand of Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has membership in Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias.

JOHN FRANKLIN DOLBER, a skilful agriculturist of Chester, was born in Candia, this county, November 16, 1850, a son of George W. Dolber. His great-great-grandfather Dolber was among the original settlers of that part of the county; and there his great-grandfather, William Dolber, and his grandfather, John Dolber, passed their entire lives. Both of the latter were well known as successful farmers. John Dolber was also a carpenter, and worked at that trade as the opportunity served. George W. Dolber (of whom a more



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detailed account will be found elsewhere in this work) was reared and educated in Candia, where, excluding four years spent in Newburyport, Mass., he lived nearly twoscore years. In 1860 he gave up the shoemaker's trade at which he had been engaged, and, coming to Chester, took to farming. He now owns a fine estate in Chester, where he is widely known and respected. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Emerson, two children were born — John F. and George A.

John Franklin Dolber received a practical education in the common schools. He remained at home until eighteen years old, when he obtained employment in a cotton-mill at Manchester, this State. After spending two years in that place, he engaged in farming, which has been his occupation since. After his marriage he resided for one year on the old Dolber homestead and four years on the old Dearborn farm. In 1882 he entered on his present estate, where he has since resided. Mr. Dolber has here two hundred acres of land, a goodly portion of which is in cultivation. He carries on general farming with profit. He is a stanch Republican, and he belongs to Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond. Among a number of old relics preserved by him he prizes highly an old iron tobacco pipe with which his great-great-great-grandmother used to smoke. It was made by hand, and given to her by her nephew, to be used in place of the clay pipes which she invariably broke, being afflicted with shaking palsy.

Mr. Dolber was married May 23, 1876, to Mrs. Sarah Jane (Dearborn) West, daughter of Alfred S. and Asenath (Willey) Dearborn, of this town. Mr. Dearborn was for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Chester, and served as Selectman and Treasurer of the township for many terms. Mrs. Dolber was born April 6, 1851, and when quite young married Nason West, son of John W. West, of Chester. Nason West was a shoemaker, and worked at that trade until his death, December 12, 1874. By him Mrs. Dolber had one child, Edward Nason West, born in 1870, now a meat-cutter in Boston, Mass. To Mr. Dolber she has borne three children, namely: Lizzie, who died when but eleven weeks old; Alice M., a child that died in infancy; and Millie Frances, the baby.

WILLIAM CRANE, a venerable octogenarian of Candia and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, who has led a life of useful and varied activity, some of it spent in foreign countries, occupying responsible positions in connection with the building of important public works, for more than forty years has been one of the leading agriculturists and a prominent citizen of this town. He was born in Canton, Mass., August 10, 1814, son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Crane) Crane. The Crane family, of which he is a representative, is of English ancestry, its founder in this country having emigrated at an early date in Colonial history, and settled in or near Boston.

Mr. Crane's grandfather, William Crane, first, was a resident of Canton, Mass., where he followed the trade of a watchmaker. He died about the year 1826, at an advanced age. He was the father of four children.

Simeon Crane, son of William, the first of the name, so far as the record is here given, was born in Canton, Mass.; and, adopting his father's trade, he became a well-known watchmaker of that town. He was an honorable and highly respected citizen, who gained the esteem and good will of all who knew him; and his somewhat untimely death, which took place in 1823, when he was but forty-five years old, was the cause of general regret. He married Elizabeth Crane, a native of Canton, and daughter of Major Peter Crane, who served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. She became the mother of five children, two of whom are living, namely: Caroline C., widow of William Blackman, of Canton, Mass.; and William, second.

William Crane, son of Simeon, and the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in the schools of Canton, Mass.; and, after finishing his studies, he went to Boston, where he served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade with Otis Tufts. For a number of years he was employed by Carmichael, Otis & Fair-

banks, an early firm of railway contractors; but William S. Otis, the inventor of the steam shovel, wishing to introduce his improved device in England, Mr. Crane was sent there to operate the machine; and for two years he demonstrated its utility by operating it in the construction of a railway in the eastern counties. Through the influence of an extensive contractor, who was constructing the line between St. Petersburg and Moscow, he subsequently obtained a large grading contract in Russia, where he was engaged for five years, at the end of which time he returned to the United States, and rested for two years at his home in Canton. In 1849 he purchased a farm in Candia, N.H., where he has since resided.

In politics Mr. Crane has acted with the Republican party since its formation, and has rendered valuable services to both the town and the State, in the local government and the House of Representatives. During his term in the legislature, which extended over a period of two years, he was instrumental in securing the construction of the Portsmouth & Concord Railroad, and for several years he was a conspicuous member of the Board of Selectmen of Candia, also serving as an Assessor for one year. For a great many years he was Director of the Merrimac River National Bank, of Manchester, N.H.

Mr. Crane and Lucy W. Eaton, of Dedham, Mass., were married on December 5, 1849. Of the six children born of this union four are living, namely: Lizzie E., who is residing at home; Mary A., wife of John H. Wason, of Manchester; George W., who lives in Seattle, Wash.; and Emma W., wife of Tilton F. Fifield, of Manchester. Mr. Crane and his family attend the Congregational church.

JOHN R. SWASEY, who is actively engaged in farming pursuits in the town of Brentwood, was born here, June 29, 1833, son of Henry and Rebecca (Rowell) Swasey. His paternal grandfather was born and reared in England, whence, accompanied by two brothers, he came to the United States, and settled in New Hampshire. One brother subsequently became a shoemaker, and the other a commercial traveller. Grandfather Swasey purchased land in Exeter, where he afterward lived, occupied in farming, and reared his family.

Henry Swasey early learned the trade of a paper-maker, at which he was employed for some time. He subsequently turned his attention to agriculture, buying the farm on which his son, John R., now lives, and there resided until his death, January 28, 1877. His wife, whose death occurred December 11, 1851, bore him seven children; namely, James H., Mehitabel A., Charles A., Charles W., Rebecca E., John R., and Aroline E. James H., born October 10, 1819, who is a carpenter in Waltham, Mass., married, June 24, 1847, Susan A. Dudley, and has one child, Ella B., born March 17, 1848. Mehitabel A., born April 13, 1823, died January 26, 1890. Charles A., born September 13, 1826, died in infancy. Charles W., born June 15, 1828, who is a retired locomotive engineer, now farming in South Berwick, Me., married Louisa Boston, and has three children — Charles H., Frank E., and Arthur J. Rebecca E., born May 14, 1830, is the wife of George W. Pressey, a farmer in Dearborn, N.H., and the mother of two children — Flora A. and Lizzie R. Aroline E., born August 20, 1837, married Daniel R. Hoyt, by whom she had five children — Etta, Daniel, Ida, Myra, and Roscoe — both parents being now deceased.

John R. Swasey completed his education in the Kensington Academy, where his brothers and sisters had also been pupils. Choosing farming as his life occupation, he remained on the old homestead, engaged in that calling, and caring for his parents in their last years. At the death of the latter he succeeded to the homestead. The farm is a valuable property of one hundred acres, much of which he tills with profit, raising hay, corn, potatoes, and the smaller grains. He is held in high regard throughout the community. In politics, while he is a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, he has never sought political favors.

Mr. Swasey was married, December 25, 1863, to Miss Martha J. Fall, who was born,

September 28, 1835, in York County, Maine. Her paternal grandparents, Stephen and Elizabeth (Gerrish) Fall, were among the early settlers of Lebanon, Me. Her father, Isaac C. Fall, a merchant and farmer, was actively engaged in business until his demise in July, 1862. He married Martha Pray, who was born in Lebanon, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Wentworth) Pray, both natives of Berwick, Me. She survived her husband until May, 1894. They had eleven children, as follows: Angeline P., now the wife of B. L. Stevens, of Dover, N.H.; Sylvester, a merchant, in Chelsea, Mass.; Mary E., the wife of Hiram Lord, of Berwick, Me.; Harriet, the wife of the Hon. William Emery, of Alfred, Me.; Samuel P., living in Lebanon, Me., who married Susan E. French, of Braintree, Mass.; Martha J., now Mrs. Swasey; Isaac C., Jr., who was killed during the late Rebellion in one of the battles fought in Virginia; Henry R., of whom no authentic record has been preserved; Frank H., living in Arizona, who married Lottie Coffin; Albert M., a resident of Everett, Mass.; and Stephen, a farmer, in Lebanon, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Swasey are the parents of five children, namely: Annie J., born December 31, 1864, who married John E. Troy, a chef in Boston, and has two children — Ruth M. and Arthur S.; Cora H., born June 19, 1869, who is the wife of James A. Bickford, an undertaker at Northwood Narrows, this county; Mary R., born October 14, 1871; Everett H., born May 6, 1875, who died September 4, 1880; and John F., born March 10, 1877.

EBEN FOLSOM, profitably engaged in the manufacture of brass plumbing supplies at Exeter, where he established himself in business about thirty years ago, was born here on October 25, 1828, son of Josiah and Mary (James) Folsom. The Folsom family were among the earliest settlers of New England. It is alleged that as early as 1638, on the ship "Diligent," twelve families came thither from Hingham, England, and that one of these families was John Folsom, with his young wife and two servants. About five years later they settled in Exeter. James Folsom, the grandfather of Eben, and the son of Peter, was the first-born of twelve children, his birth occurring on June 22, 1756. He followed the occupations of carpenter and farmer, owning an excellent farm here, in addition to other property. At the time of his death he was between eighty and ninety years of age. His wife, a Miss Folsom before marriage, was a double cousin. She bore him twelve children, four sons and eight daughters.

Josiah Folsom, born March 2, 1787, in a house close by, on his father's farm, was a carpenter, contractor, and builder, and also owned a good farm. At his death in 1874, when eighty-seven years of age, he left property valued at about fifteen thousand dollars. He was a man of rugged constitution, and until his final illness he had never suffered on account of sickness. He was married three times, first in October, 1812, to Miss Mary Woodruff, of Connecticut. She left one daughter, Mary Bragdon, who died in Exeter in 1895, over eighty years of age. May 22, 1825, the father formed a second union with Miss Mary James, of Hampton, this county. There were three children by this marriage, namely: Josiah James, now residing on the Folsom estate in the house erected by his father; Elizabeth, the widow of Samuel Hall, who was for many years the publisher of the Exeter *News Letter;* and Eben, the subject of this sketch. The third marriage was contracted with Miss Elizabeth James, also of Hampton, who had no children.

Eben Folsom completed his education at Phillips Academy. When seventeen years of age, he became an apprentice of James Derby at the machinist's trade, which he has successfully followed throughout his life. With the exception of a year in Providence, R.I., and one in Mittineague, Mass., he has worked for the most part in this place. From 1849 to 1860 he held the position of foreman in the shop of Sanborn & Richardson here and at East Boston, Mass., and was for four years in charge of the brass department of the Squamscot Machine Company at South New Market, this county. In 1865 he established his present business, the manufacture of brass goods used in plumbing, in which he now gives employment to between thirty-five and forty men.

On April 24, 1862, Mr. Folsom was united in marriage with Miss Hannah S. Bagley, born in Salisbury, Mass., January 29, 1829, daughter of William Bagley. Their only son and child, Wendell Burt Folsom, is now in partnership with his father, and the bookkeeper of the firm. He married Miss Bessie Knowles, of Augusta, Me. In politics the elder Mr. Folsom is a supporter of Republican principles. In 1872 he represented the town of Exeter in the State legislature. He is a member of the Masonic Order. Both he and Mrs. Folsom have lived in their present home since their marriage, a period of more than thirty years.

WALTER J. DUDLEY, of Raymond, the present owner of the old Dudley homestead, was born here, June 26, 1855, son of James T. and Harriett (Joslyn) Dudley. He is a descendant on his father's side of Governor Thomas Dudley, the founder of the family in this country. Governor Dudley, who was born in England in 1576, came to America in 1630, and settled in Boston, Mass. After serving as governor of the colony for several years, he died in 1653, aged seventy-seven years.

Barnard Tucker, the paternal grandfather of Walter J. Dudley, was born in Raymond, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Sallie Dudley, a granddaughter of Judge John Dudley. Judge Dudley, who was born on April 9, 1725, came to Raymond in 1776, and purchased the homestead which has since been owned by his descendants. He married Eliza Gilman; and his son, Moses Dudley, was the father of Mrs. Tucker. Moses, who was born on the old place in Raymond in 1766, followed farming all his life, was very prominent in town and State affairs, served as a Representative in the State legislature for a number of years, and died July 2, 1843, aged seventy-seven years. He married Miss Nancy Glidden, of Exeter, N.H. Of the ten children born to them the only survivor is Mrs. Tucker, now ninety-eight years old. She has borne her husband nine children, of whom a son and four daughters survive. These are: Annie L., the wife of Ezra Young, of Boston; Sarah A., the wife of H. G. McClure, of Raymond; Jennie T., the wife of Frank R. Grout, of Raymond; Isaac N. Tucker, a resident of Boston, Mass.; and Helen T., the wife of John Eaton, of Raymond. The father was a Whig in politics. Although not a man who cared for official position, he was prominent in town affairs. He died in August, 1869, sixty-seven years of age.

James T. Dudley was a son of Barnard and Sallie (Dudley) Tucker. On coming into possession of the old Dudley homestead, he changed his name to Dudley, the maiden name of his mother. He was born in Raymond, and during the active years of his life was engaged in farming. He attended the Congregational church. In politics he was a Democrat. From the time he was old enough to cast his first vote he took great interest in town affairs, and served very creditably as Town Treasurer, and on the Board of Selectmen, of which he was Chairman for a number of years. He was also a member of Junietta Lodge and Granite Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond; of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, of Candia; the Royal Arch Chapter and Trinity Commandery, A. F. & A. M., of Manchester. He married Miss Harriett Joslyn, and the two sons born of the union are both living, namely: James W., residing in Franconia, N.H.; and Walter J., the subject of this sketch. The father died February 20, 1895, seventy years of age.

Walter J. Dudley acquired his rudimentary education in the common schools of Raymond. This was supplemented by a scientific course at the New Hampton Institute, from which he graduated with the class of 1874. At the close of his school life he returned home, and after his father's death became the owner of the old homestead. The farm contains three hundred acres of fertile land, well adapted to mixed husbandry, which Mr. Dudley carries on very successfully. In 1883 he was joined in marriage with Miss Ida F. Hale, of Boston, who has since made him the father of two sons and a daughter. These are: Frank, who is attending school; Harriett J., now three years old; and James T., the youngest child.

Mr. Dudley is a stanch Democrat. In

1885 he was a Representative to the State legislature. He was County Commissioner from 1887 to 1893, and he served four years as Selectman of the town. He is a member of Junietta Lodge, No. 47, and of Granite Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond; and of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, in which he has served as Master four years. The family are regular attendants of the Orthodox church.

IRA N. BLAKE, of the firm of Blake, Allen & Co., shoe manufacturers of Northwood, was born in Kensington, this county, October 11, 1832, son of Ira and Dorothy (Sanborn) Blake. His great-grandfather, Hezekiah Blake, who was a farmer of Kensington, died in 1842, at the great age of ninety years. His grandfather, Hezekiah's son John, who was born on the Blake homestead in Kensington, spent his life in that town, engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. John Blake died in 1840, at the age of sixty-five. His wife, who was a Miss Blake of the same place, also lived sixty-five years. This couple reared the following children: Ira, John T., Phillman, Newell, Lucy, and Elizabeth. Elizabeth is now Mrs. Wadley.

Ira Blake was born on the homestead in Kensington in 1799. He was adopted by his uncle, John Blake, who at his death left his farm to his nephew. Mr. Blake took up civil engineering when a boy, and followed the profession during his active life. His services were often demanded to settle estates, write deeds, and transact other business of a kindred nature. Successively a Whig and a Republican, he was active in political affairs. In his native town he presided as Moderator at the town meetings for thirty years, and he represented the place in the State legislature during one session. He died at the age of seventy-six. His wife, who was likewise a native of Kensington, lived to be eighty-three. Their children were: John A., Lucy E., Ira N., Mary S., and Sarah E. Lucy E. and Sarah E. are married to husbands named Cram.

Ira N. Blake began to learn the shoemaker's trade when eighteen years of age. Not long after he started in business for himself, filling orders for "turned work" in his native town. Two years later he established a business of the same kind in Hampton Falls, this county, where he remained about three years. Then, after spending a few years in the oil regions, he engaged in machine work at Seabrook, this county. This was in 1869. In 1872 he opened business in Hampton Falls again. He began in 1876 to perform contract work for C. B. Lancaster, of Boston, of whose factories in Pittsfield, N.H., he was superintendent until 1887. He became closely identified with the business interests of Pittsfield while there. When the Farmer's Savings Bank was organized, he was made President, in which capacity he labored hard for its success. He was also extensively interested in real estate there. He purchased a farm that stretched down the hillside from Main Street to the river, opened up a new street, putting up seven new cottages for his workmen, and erecting an elegant residence for himself at the corner of Main and Blake Streets. In 1887 he established his present business in Northwood. The enterprise has been very beneficial to this town.

Mr. Blake is a strong Republican. While in Pittsfield, though making no effort to acquire political influence, he nevertheless won the good-will of the people of the town, who twice elected him to the State legislature. He has also been returned to that body from Northwood, holding his seat two years; and he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1892.

WILLIAM BUTTERWORTH, one of the prosperous, self-made men of Londonderry, was born in Lancashire, England, March 9, 1830. He is a son of John and Ann (Dana) Butterworth, both English born. His parents with their children came to America in 1839 in the "Marathon," a well-known merchantman of that day. After a voyage lasting six weeks they landed in Boston, and subsequently resided in Massachusetts, first at North Andover, and then in Lowell. The father was a shoemaker, and

worked at his trade in England and America. Both parents died in Lowell. Three of the children are living: Benjamin S., in Chicago, Ill.; Samuel D., in Lowell, Mass.; and William, the subject of this sketch.

William Butterworth was nine years of age when he arrived in America. He received his education chiefly in the public schools of Lowell, Mass., which he was seldom able to attend for more than three months in the year. With the years of discretion, however, came a desire for more knowledge; and by reading and observation he has since largely made up for his early loss. He worked for several years at the forge, making various kinds of iron articles. Then he took up farm work, and in 1866 obtained employment in the town of Windham, this county. In 1875 he moved to Londonderry, and settled on the farm he now occupies. Here he has seventy-five acres of land in a high state of cultivation, the neat and substantial buildings and well-kept grounds witnessing to the thrift and good taste of the manager.

Mr. Butterworth was married, November 30, 1854, to Mary A. Way, a native of Unity, N.H., and a daughter of Joseph and Lurena (Currier) Way, who were both born in Sullivan County. He has one adopted son, William A. Butterworth, who lives in Londonderry.

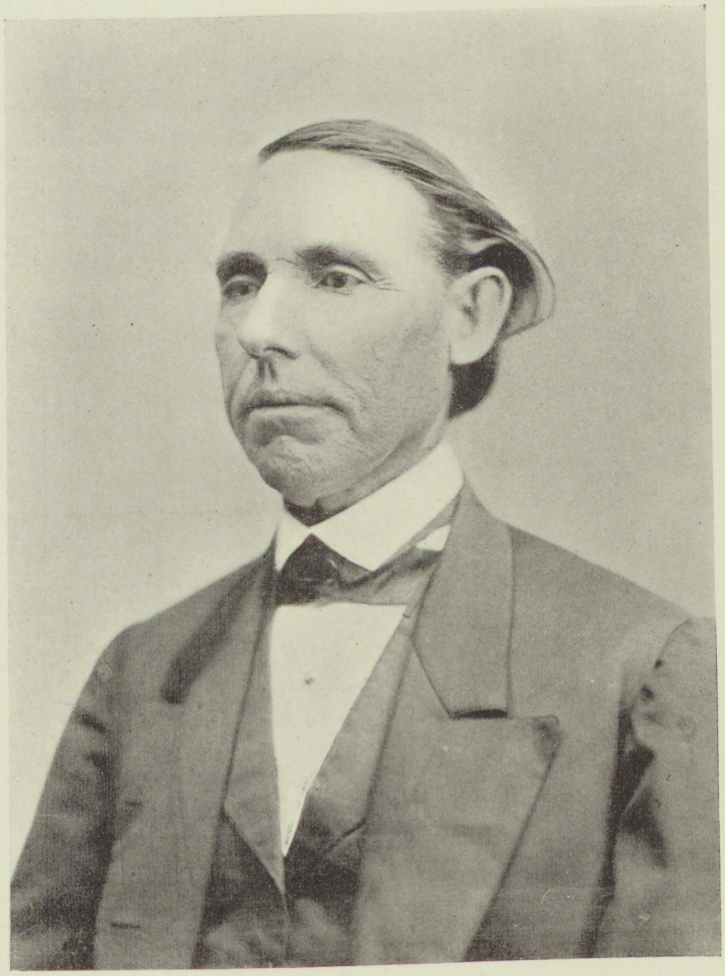
Mr. Butterworth is prominent among the Democrats of the district, and has served as Selectman of the town. He is well known and respected in Londonderry.

HON. JOSEPH S. SMITH, of Smithtown, a section of Seabrook, this county, was born in Seabrook, February 20, 1848, son of Jeremiah and Eliza (Stevens) Smith. Smithtown takes its name from the family, who have been residents for some time. Jacob Smith, the grandfather, also a native of Seabrook and a tanner by trade, died there at an advanced age. Jeremiah Smith obtained his education mainly in the district school. He was a boot-maker; and, besides managing a farm, he followed his trade in Seabrook almost to the day of his death. A man of much intelligence, he was one of the leaders in the community. John Wesley had few more ardent disciples than Jeremiah Smith. He was one of the founders of the Methodist church in Seabrook, and therein officiated as an Elder for many years preceding his death, which occurred in his seventy-seventh year. His wife, who was a daughter of Joseph Stevens, of Salisbury, Mass., attained the advanced age of eighty-six. The children reared by them, all living in Seabrook, are: Eben F., Abram M., Jacob, Mary, James, and Joseph S.

The Hon. Joseph S. Smith obtained his education in the district school and at Seabrook Academy. He afterward learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it for a while in Haverhill, Mass. In 1876 he built a store near his home, and therein started a general merchandise business. This enterprise proved quite successful, and he has carried it on since. He now has a well-established trade.

Mr. Smith was married in 1872 to Miss Annie A. Brown, daughter of Captain John L. Brown, of Seabrook. Captain Brown was a "forty-niner," and spent four years in California. Mrs. Smith is the Postmistress of Smithtown and the Treasurer of Seabrook Library. She is the mother of one child, Jeremiah L. Mr. Smith has been a Democrat since he came of age. In 1872 he cast his first Presidential vote for Horace Greeley and B. Gratz, when the Republicans nominated Grant and Wilson. He occupied a seat in the New Hampshire legislature of 1887–88. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Rockingham Lodge, No. 22, of Hampton, N.H., and Hunto Encampment; and a Trustee of both Dearborn Academy and the Methodist church in Seabrook.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL BILLINGS, formerly a resident of Portsmouth, was one of the ablest commanders of our merchant navy in the middle years of the century. Born within sight and sound of the ocean waves at Kittery Point, Me., July 14, 1809, he was a "toiler of the sea" at the age of eleven. Seven years later he was master of his own vessel. His last voyage was made to Australia. At the time of his marriage he was master of the schooner



SAMUEL BILLINGS.

"Franklin," built at Eastport, Me. Subsequently he commanded, being at the same time a part owner, the brig "Empress," the bark "Apphia Maria," the bark "Mary-Annah," the ships "Granite State" and "Ella E. Badger." In the "Apphia Maria" Captain Billings transported troops to Mexico during the Mexican War, but he was chiefly engaged in carrying cotton to Europe.

A most creditable incident in his life, as it is one of much interest in the history of our commerce, was that which brought him the distinction of being the first master of a ship to take an American vessel with its cargo, after crossing the ocean, up through the windings of the river Seine, in France, to the city of Rouen. He did it when all other masters of American vessels, who had been invited to do so, had refused to make the attempt, and in opposition to the wishes of the other owners of the "Mary-Annah," in which he did it. On the occasion he carried a cargo of cotton from New Orleans. All the way up the Seine he and his ship were the objects of one continuous ovation, with cannon firing, people cheering, and the flags of France and America flying everywhere. At Rouen he was met by an imperial band of music and a deputation of representative citizens, who escorted him to where a superb banquet was laid to do him honor. Before leaving the place, the Free Society of Trade and Industry of Rouen gave him a reception, at which he was presented with a silver medal and an engrossed address commemorative of the event. Among other souvenirs then received by him were: a complete Atlas of Marine Charts; a volume of fine engravings of the principal buildings of Rouen; a perfect model of the "Mary-Annah" for the Captain's wife; and a vase of exquisite flowers, under glass, for his two daughters, after whom the bark was named. The date of the event, as fixed by the medal, was April 4, 1852.

It is further claimed for Captain Billings that he was the first master to take a temperance crew out of Eastport, and that the cargo of fish brought back by this crew was larger than any ever before unloaded at Eastport. His lucky star, or rather that of his professional skill, was as much in the ascendant in the last important voyage he made as it was throughout his previous career. He reached his destination, Australia — the same as that of his first voyage — without any mishap worth considering, in the "Ella A. Badger." Returning, he arrived at the port of Baltimore as the Civil War was beginning. Ignorant of the fact, he was surprised to be unable to get a pilot as he entered, and to miss some of the lights. However, his greatest surprise came when he, one of the most careful of masters, found himself in shoal water. The cause, he afterward learned, was the fact that the rebels had altered the location of the lights with a view to facilitate the capture of Northern vessels. It then was a matter of surprise to him that, all things considered, the ship did not go ashore. He managed to get her into port safely. Shortly after this incident, having followed the sea for forty years, he retired to private life, taking up his residence in Greenland, N. H., this county, on a fine estate purchased on that occasion.

In 1835, February 3, he was married to a daughter of George Tetherly, of Portsmouth. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Billings, William Tetherly, fought for independence in the Revolutionary War. Her father, who was a native of Eliot, Me., came here when he was eighteen years old, and obtained employment in the soap and candle factory of Mr. Frothingham. He subsequently followed that business for forty years, living to the age of ninety-four years. His wife, Nancy, a daughter of Ephraim Billings, of Portsmouth, came of Scottish ancestry. She bore him ten children, of whom but Mrs. Billings and another are now living. Mr. Tetherly was not connected with any church; but he read his Bible every day, and tried to live a Christian life. His wife, who was active in Sunday-school work, very frequently had ministers for guests. She was seventy-four years old when she died. Captain and Mrs. Billings had three daughters and two sons, all of whom, except the eldest, Mary E., are now deceased. Their son-in-law, William Grace Billings, who made his home with Captain Billings, was born September 10, 1852, and died September 1, 1893. He was engaged in the sash and blind business for some years; was Grand Master in Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows; Past Master of St. John's Lodge, holding the thirty-second degree of Masonry, and having membership in Aleppo Mystic Shrine; P. E. C. of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; member of Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias; a member of the Mechanics' Fire Association; a Past President of the Associated Mechanics and Manufacturers of New Hampshire; Vice-President of the Board of Trade; a Director of the Mercantile Library Association; and for three years an Alderman of Portsmouth.

Captain Samuel Billings died June 14, 1870, in his sixty-first year. When he removed to Greenland, he gave one hundred dollars for the purchase of a bell to the Congregational church of that place. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but took little interest in the organization. Excepting the six years spent in Greenland, Mrs. Billings has been a resident of Portsmouth all her lifetime. She is now eighty-two; but with the exception of her hearing, which is failing, she is in full possession of her faculties.

GEORGE H. McDUFFEE, one of the foremost citizens of Candia, N.H., a brick-mason by trade, now serving the first year of his second term as a Representative to the lower house of the State legislature, is of Scotch-Irish descent. There were three brothers — Archibald, John, and Daniel — that emigrated with their parents, John and Martha McDuffee, to America, the one who settled in Massabesic, Hillsborough County, N.H., becoming the progenitor of this branch of the family.

Archibald McDuffee, grandfather of George H., was born in Auburn, a town adjoining Massabesic, but within the borders of Rockingham County. When eighteen years of age, he came to Candia, and purchased a farm; and from that time until his death he was profitably engaged in mixed husbandry. In politics he was a Republican, but was never an active participant in political matters. He died in 1887, aged eighty-five years. The six children born to him and his wife are all living, namely: John, of Candia; Harriett, wife of J. W. Harris, of Candia; Sarah A., wife of Hiram Barnard, of Boston, Mass.; Hannah, wife of A. C. Ferrin, of Concord; Lowell F., father of George H., residing in Candia; Mary, wife of C. G. Pressy, of Concord.

Lowell F. McDuffee has followed farming here in Candia, and is one of her most highly esteemed citizens. Quiet and unobtrusive in character, he is no aspirant for official honors, neither is he a member of any fraternal order, preferring the enjoyments of home life to those of club or social functions. He married Dilley L. Crandal, daughter of Horace Crandal, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Horace, in Candia; Oscar, in Manchester; and George H., whose name introduces the present sketch.

George H. McDuffee, born here May 15, 1857, was educated in the common schools of this town. He then went to Concord, and learned the mason's trade with Ordway & Ferrin, with whom he remained six years after completing his apprenticeship. During the next thirteen years he was employed at several different places in Massachusetts and in Manchester; and finally he started in business for himself, with headquarters in Candia. His standing and business methods are unquestioned, and he receives contracts from all parts of the State.

On May 15, 1883, Mr. McDuffee was united in marriage with Miss Leverte A. Smith, daughter of Coffin F. Smith, of Candia. Their only living child, Frank L., ten years old, is a commendable little student, having thus early formed habits of notable promptness, receiving in his nine terms of school attendance but one mark for tardiness.

In politics Mr. McDuffee is a stanch Republican. First elected as a member of the State legislature in 1893, he served so creditably that he was re-elected for a second term of two years. During his first term he was on the Labor Committee, which was instrumental in the passage of the bill for a State Labor Bureau. He also assisted in the organization of that bureau, which has proved a marked success. Since his re-election he has been on the committee in charge of the matter of Retrenchment and Reform. The appropriation for the new court-house has also been made, Mr. McDuffee being a member of the County

Committee recommending the appropriation and amount. The fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated are Rumford Lodge, No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Concord, N.H., and Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, of Candia.

JOHN Q. PIKE, Postmaster of Epping and Treasurer of the Epping Savings Bank, was born in this town, February 18, 1855, son of John H. and Eliza J. (Thompson) Pike. John H. Pike, also a native of Epping, was a lifelong resident of the town. Beginning life with scant capital, he attained wealth and prominence, and was one of the most successful merchants and lumber dealers of Epping. A quiet and unassuming citizen, he was yet one of the public-spirited men of the town, and did a great deal for its development. He died in the fall of 1884. His wife, who is a native of Lee, is still living, and enjoys good health.

John Q. Pike attended the district school, Kingston Academy, and was one year at Exeter. When quite young, he engaged in the grocery business, and has since carried it on successfully. He is one of the leading business men of the town, and has also for some time been active and prominent in politics, having been a member of the Democratic party since the year of his majority. He has been Town Clerk for some time, and has just closed a five-year term of service as Town Treasurer. In 1889 he represented the town in the New Hampshire legislature, and he has held the position of Postmaster of Epping since 1893. He is well advanced in Masonry, belonging to St. Alban Chapter of Exeter, the Commandery at Portsmouth, and E. A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua; and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1875 Mr. Pike was married to Miss Lenora M. Cutting, daughter of Erastus Cutting, of Epping. She died in 1882, leaving three children — John H., Ella Frances, and Frank W. On December 25, 1884, Mr. Pike entered a second marriage, by which he was united to Sadie A. Rowe, daughter of George Rowe, of Epping. Mrs. Pike was born in Deerfield, this county, August 16, 1865, and was one year old when her parents removed to Epping. She attended the public schools in the latter town, graduated from Watson Academy in 1882, and subsequently engaged in teaching. A lady of pleasing personality, she is very popular in social circles, and has accomplished much for the Eastern Star auxiliary of the Masonic Order. She was the first to take active measures in organizing Queen Esther Chapter of Epping. Much credit is due her for the services she has rendered it during the four years of its existence. Her official work began as the first Associate Conductress. In the same year she was representative to the Grand Chapter. She was then elected Associate Grand Conductress, and subsequently filled, in her own chapter, the position of Conductress and Worthy Matron. Fulfilling her duties with ability and without ostentation, she has continued to advance step by step, and is now Grand Matron of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire. Mrs. Pike is the mother of a bright little daughter, Eliza T., whose talent as a singer makes her a most desirable addition to social gatherings.

Mr. Pike attends the Congregational church, of which his wife has been a member since 1888. She has been a zealous church worker, and is at present one of the Executive Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Pike have a pleasant home in Epping. Their wide circle of acquaintance extends beyond the limits of the State.

DAVID S. COFFIN, a retired business man residing in Hampton, is a native of Newburyport, Mass., born in February, 1818. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Swett) Coffin, natives respectively of Newburyport and of Hampton Falls. Mr. Coffin's grandfather, Captain Samuel Coffin, one of the wealthy merchants of Newburyport in the days when the old town was famous for her wealthy merchants, acquired his wealth in the course of many years spent in the West India trade. Captain Coffin married Elizabeth Loud, of Boston, Mass., and by her became the father of William Coffin. William for a while was

foreman of a distillery in Newburyport. Subsequently he was engaged in distilling rum from West India molasses, and owned a number of vessels employed in importing molasses from the West Indies. His wife, Elizabeth, was a member of an old Hampton Falls family. David S. Coffin is their only child who lived after attaining maturity. A daughter died at the age of twenty-one.

David S. Coffin obtained his early education chiefly at a district school in Newburyport. He worked on a farm for a while after leaving school, and then learned the hatter's trade, working as an apprentice until of age. This trade he subsequently followed for thirty-five years. About the year 1874 he opened a summer hotel in the seaside town of Swampscott, Mass.; and he was afterward in the hotel business at Magnolia, a charming resort on the Massachusetts coast. His enterprises brought him a fortune, upon which some time ago, in consideration of his advancing years, he felt justified in retiring. He makes his home in pleasant quarters at the Whittier Hotel in Hampton. In 1884 Mr. Coffin was married to Miss Jane M. Burgess, who died in 1887. He has voted the Democratic ticket since he was qualified to exercise the suffrage, casting his first Presidential ballot for Martin Van Buren in 1840.

WILLIAM H. FAY, of Portsmouth, the leading dealer in gentlemen's clothing and furnishing goods, was born in Windsor, Vt., May 24, 1866. His parents were Edmund Stone and Frances (Kendall) Fay, both natives of Windsor County, Vermont, respectively born in the towns of Reading and Felchville. His great-grand-father, Major Ezra Fay, in the early part of this century migrated from Westboro, Mass., to Reading, Vt., and, securing two hundred acres of land, spent the rest of his life in that town, engaged in agriculture. Major Fay's death occurred in Reading in 1841. He was twice married. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Olive (Lincoln) Chamberlain, who was a descendant of Governor Lincoln of Massachusetts, and who, after living to a great age, died in Felchville in 1854.

Levi C. Fay, the grandfather of William H., was born in Reading, April 25, 1807. He learned the tailor's trade at Woodstock, Vt., and afterward the shoemaker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years for that purpose with David Hammond, of Reading. Then, purchasing Mr. Hammond's stock in trade, which consisted of boots, shoes, and farm implements, he was in business for a while. In 1838 he purchased the Slayton Hotel at South Woodstock, Vt. This proved a disastrous venture; for, after it had been repaired and otherwise improved, within three months after its purchase it was destroyed by fire. He then leased the Ransom House in the same town, which he managed for two years. In 1840 he returned to Reading, and again engaged in trade. Four years later he disposed of the business, and leased the Dartmouth House at Hanover, N. H. This he conducted for a few months; and then, concluding that he was better adapted for trade than for the hotel business, he engaged in the sale of merchandise in Felchville. When he finally settled down to business, he was very successful; and for twenty years he conducted a thriving store in Felchville. In 1863 he purchased three stores in Windsor, Vt., and took his sons into partnership. He subsequently sold his interest to Martin Hubbard, and retired. In the course of his business career he erected Fay's Block and other buildings in Windsor, was an extensive dealer in real estate, and had money invested in Western mortgages. Regarding these last-named interests he made yearly trips West from 1843 to 1885, in order to give them his personal attention. His death occurred in February, 1891. He was married December 1, 1829, to Susan Stone, daughter of Edmund and Louisa (Sherman) Stone, and grand-daughter of Samuel Stone, of Connecticut. Samuel Stone was an early settler of Vermont. It was he who gave its name to Weathersfield, Vt., in commemoration of the historic settlement in Connecticut. Susan (Stone) Fay was of the same lineage as the late General Tecumseh Sherman and Senator Hoar of Massachusetts. She reared four children, namely: Collamer A., a merchant of Holyoke, Mass.; Amanda M.; Edmund S.; and Julia. Edmund Stone

Fay was born October 19, 1840. Taken into partnership by his father in 1863, he was in trade in Windsor until 1872, when he established the business now carried on by his son in Portsmouth. A capable and conservative business man, he conducted a prosperous trade up to the time of his death, April 19, 1893. Though in no sense of the word a politician, he always did his duty at the polls, and served with credit during one term as Mayor of Portsmouth. His wife, who was a daughter of Harrison Kendall, of Felchville, died in 1875.

William H. Fay was six years of age when his parents removed to Portsmouth, and his first acquaintance with books was made in the primary schools of that town. He afterward attended both public and private schools in Boston, Mass. In the same city he took his first lessons in trade, serving as clerk for two years in the clothing house of Leopold Morse & Co., and later working for the wholesale house of Thompson, Witherill & Willis. In 1887 he returned to Portsmouth, and became associated with his father. On the death of the latter he became sole proprietor of the business, which he has conducted since. It is already apparent that Mr. Fay has inherited his father's capacity for business. He was married November 30, 1893, to Anna Louise, who was born in Portsmouth, September 6, 1872, daughter of George N. and Clara Jones. Mr. Fay votes the Republican ticket. So far he has taken no active part in politics.

LEONARD BAILEY SMITH, a well-known farmer and lumberman of Exeter, was born in Andover, Mass., September 25, 1818, son of John and Abigail (Bailey) Smith. John Smith, a native of New Hampshire, when quite young removed to the State of Massachusetts, and engaged in the business of a tanner and currier, and subsequently worked at it until he was fifty years of age. At that time he had reverses in business; but, not utterly depressed, he rounded out another quarter of a century of life, and finally, at the age of seventy-five, he passed away, highly esteemed by all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Smith had been very prominent in military affairs. His worthy wife, who survived him, died at the venerable age of eighty-seven.

Leonard Bailey Smith had very meagre opportunities of acquiring an education in his youth. He was unable to attend the district schools for more than one month in each year. Very early in life he found employment in a woollen-mill, and retained it until he was twenty years old. He then purchased his time from his father for fifty dollars; and, engaging with the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation, he initiated a relationship which continued for a score of years. He subsequently engaged in farming and lumbering, which industries have since been his principal occupations.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. His first marriage was contracted in 1841 with Miss Betsey Dole, a native of Haverhill, Mass., who died in 1845. She left two infant children, namely: Charles, who now resides at Exeter; and Abbie, who has become the wife of James Rollins, of Stratham, this county. Mr. Smith's second wife, Mary (Folsom) Smith, a native of Laconia, Belknap County, died in August, 1893. Her children were: Leonard F., who is engaged with his father in the lumber business; Addie, who is the wife of John Hourth, of Amesbury, Mass.; and Fannie. He has represented his town and district with credit in the New Hampshire legislature. In national politics he is identified with the Republican party, and is a full believer in its principles. In religious faith Mr. Smith is a Congregationalist, and he is a member of the First Congregational Church of Exeter. He is an estimable and prominent citizen, now seventy-eight years old, and numbered among the venerable residents of the town. He enjoys excellent health, and has a good prospect of being vouchsafed many years more of usefulness.

WILLIAM RICHARDSON, M.D., a popular physician and surgeon of Londonderry, is a native of this town, born February 26, 1860. The fourth William of the family, he is a son of William P. and Sarah H. (Goodwin) Richardson. His great-grandfather, William Richardson,

who came from Methuen, Mass., was the first of his race to settle in Londonderry. This William's son, William M., was the father of William P. William P. Richardson was also born in Londonderry. He was an enterprising and industrious man. Besides working at the blacksmith's trade, he managed a farm, and was extensively engaged in lumbering. He was well known throughout the district, was a prominent member of the Democratic party of the section, and discharged the duties of Justice of the Peace for some forty years. His death occurred May 13, 1893. Now in her sixty-fourth year, his widow resides with her son, Dr. Richardson. She had three other children — Harry, Myron, and Sarah. Harry is deceased, and Sarah is the wife of Charles U. Annis.

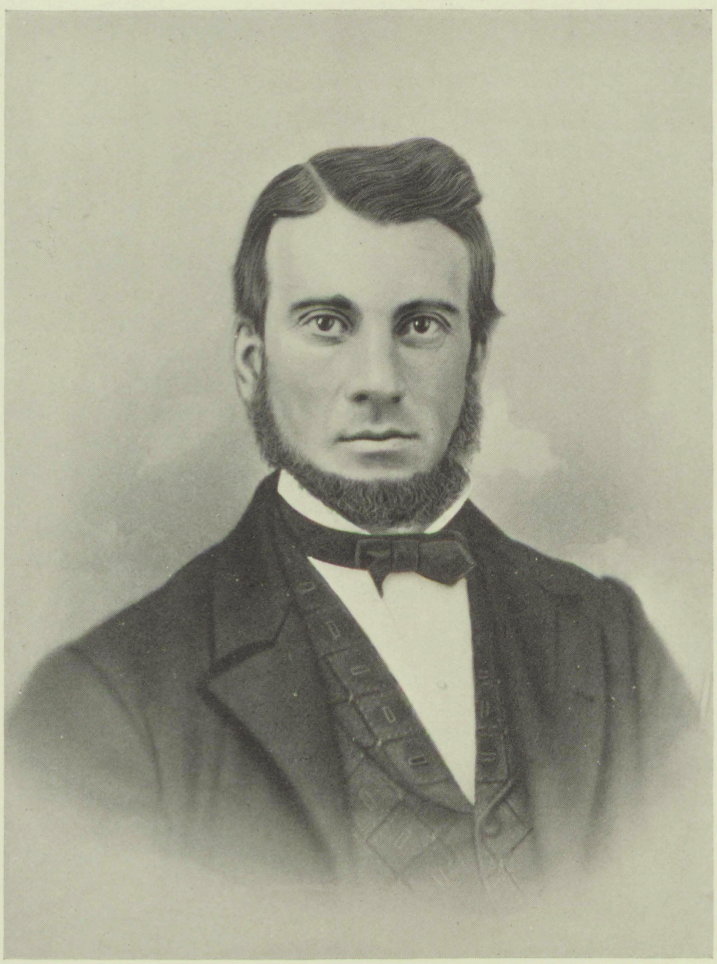
William Richardson, M.D., grew to man's estate in Londonderry, obtaining his early education in the schools of his native town. He subsequently pursued the more advanced course of the McGaw Institute at Reed's Ferry, N.H. When about twenty years of age, he took up the study of medicine with Dr. George A. Crosby, of Manchester, N.H., under whose tuition he laid a lasting foundation for the edifice of his professional knowledge. He then made the usual course at Dartmouth College, and graduated from the Medical Department in November, 1883. He entered upon his profession in Westford, Conn., and there followed it for some five years. In December, 1892, he opened an office in Londonderry, taking up his residence in the house where he was born. Here he has been very successful, and already has a large and lucrative practice, due not only to the kindly feeling of his townsmen for one of their own "boys," but also to his proved skill and his sympathetic and conscientious treatment of all cases.

In 1884 Dr. Richardson was united in marriage with Esther F. Whidden, a native of Auburn, this county, and a daughter of Joshua Whidden of that town. Three children — Florence E., Mabel E., and William P. — now brighten their home. Dr. Richardson votes the Democratic ticket. He is interested in popular education, and is at present Secretary of the School Board. His home is in North Londonderry; and he is a member of Horace Greeley Council, No. 12, Order of United American Mechanics of that section of the town.

ALFRED FRANKLIN HOWARD, of Portsmouth, Secretary of the Granite State Fire Insurance Company, was born in the town of Marlow, Cheshire County, February 16, 1842. Of English extraction, he is a son of Ervin and Philinda (Simonds) Howard, both natives of Cheshire County. His grandfather, Thomas Howard, who was born in Lyme, Conn., June 22, 1757, fought in the Revolutionary War with the Connecticut troops. After the close of the war he settled in New Hampshire upon a tract of timber land in the wilds of Cheshire County, now in the township of Marlow. After clearing his land, Grandfather Howard erected good frame buildings and planted fruit trees; and, when the embryo town began to take form, no estate was in better condition than his. He died at his home August 23, 1842. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah ——, born December 4, 1756, died May 4, 1801. They reared seven children — Nathan, Phœbe, Thomas, Martin, Daniel, Fanny, and Ervin.

Ervin Howard was born in Marlow, March 19, 1801. Reared on his father's farm, he acquired a good knowledge of agriculture, and when a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade. He purchased a farm at Baker's Corners, not far from his father's home, and cultivated it for many years; while he also worked at his trade. The latter part of his life was spent in Marlow village, where he died in 1882. His wife, who was born in Alstead, Cheshire County, January 30, 1803, daughter of Elisha and Lucy Simonds, died in Marlow in 1886. They reared three children, namely: Alfred F., the subject of this sketch; Mary E., the wife of James G. Freeman; and Martha A., the wife of Albert S. Thompson. Mrs. Thompson died in 1884.

Alfred Franklin Howard received his early education in the district school near his home, in Marlow Academy, and in the New Hampshire Conference Academy at Tilton. He



ALDEN E. COLBY.

entered the teaching profession when twenty years of age, and taught at intervals for five years. Beginning in 1865, he studied law with Judge W. H. H. Allen, of Newport, Sullivan County, and in 1868 was admitted to the bar. He commenced practice immediately in Portsmouth, after which he was in active professional work until 1873, when he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs. A year later he was made Collector — an office he most efficiently filled until he resigned it, in 1885. In this year he became associated with the Hon. Frank Jones in the organization of the Granite State Fire Insurance Company, with which he has been connected ever since.

Mr. Howard was married in 1869 to Eliza Fiske, daughter of the Hon. Amos Fiske, of Marlow. She died in 1875, and Mr. Howard subsequently entered a second marriage, contracted with Mabel Y. Smith, of Willimantic, Conn. He has one son, Arthur F., who graduated from Amherst in the class of 1895, and is now taking a course in electrical engineering at the Boston Institute of Technology. Mr. Howard cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has been a stanch supporter of Republican principles since that time. A man of culture himself, he takes an active interest in the furtherance of educational projects. He has been Superintendent of Schools in Newport, and has served on the school boards of Marlow and Portsmouth. He belongs to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., and to Washington Commandery, No. 3, and De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars. He is widely known and respected in social as well as business circles.

LESTER A. COLBY, who in company with his mother, Mrs. Lucy A. Colby, is carrying on a successful business in the manufacturing of wooden boxes at Danville, N.H., is a native of this town, having been born October 2, 1860. He is a son of the late Alden E. Colby, and comes of pioneer ancestry, being descended from Orlando Colby, who was born in 1705, and settled in the town of Sandown when a young man. His son Moses, the next in line of descent, born in Sandown in 1731, became one of the early settlers of Danville, where he died in 1777.

Enos Colby, a son of Moses Colby, was born in Danville, May 13, 1761, and died May 30, 1827, on the farm now occupied by his great-grandson, Lester A. Colby. Enos Colby was a blacksmith by trade, an occupation in which his son Thomas, grandfather of Lester A., was also engaged, their smithy standing on the site of the present box-mill. They both carried on an excellent business, being industrious and enterprising. In grinding axes, they made use of water-power. Thomas Colby was a lifelong resident of Danville, the date of his birth being April 23, 1786, and that of his death April 12, 1859.

Alden E. Colby, son of Thomas, was born in 1830. He attended the district school in his childhood, then went for a while to the academy at Kingston, after which he fitted for college at Andover, Mass. He spent his active years in this town, and besides farming he was engaged in lumbering and the manufacture of wooden boxes for over twenty-five years. His first mill being burned in 1875, he erected the one now used by the present firm. A man of unusual energy and of sterling traits of character, he was quite successful in business, and was highly esteemed by his associates. His death occurred on August 31, 1876. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Lucy A. Spofford, four children were born, as follows: Osmon S., who died at the age of eighteen years and eighteen days; Lester A.; Herbert E., a former student at New Hampton, N.H., and a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1891, who also has an interest in the firm of L. A. Colby & Co., and has spent most of his time here when not at school; and Charlotte M. Mrs. Colby, senior member of the firm of L. A. Colby & Co., with her family still occupies the homestead.

Lester A. Colby acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Danville, completing his studies at the New Hampton Commercial College. He has always remained an inmate of the parental household; and two years after the death of his father, forming a partnership with his mother, he again started the business in which his father had been

employed. Reopening the box factory, the new firm began the manufacture of wooden boxes on a small scale, selling them principally in Haverhill, Mass. In addition they are carrying on a substantial lumber business, having a large saw-mill, and selling their lumber in the rough. They own about two hundred acres of land, and in connection with their other work are engaged in general farming. The firm of L. A. Colby & Co. is widely known as one of the most successful and flourishing in Southern New Hampshire, having built up an extensive and lucrative trade through good management and wisely directed business efforts.

Mr. Colby is a man of sterling integrity, popular with his fellow-citizens, whom he is now serving as Town Treasurer, being likewise a surveyor of lumber. In politics he is a stanch Republican. Outside of his native town also he is known as a man of good financial ability, being one of the Directors of the Haverhill Safe and Deposit Company, of Haverhill, Mass. He is a Free Will Baptist in his religious views, belonging, with his mother, brother, and sister, as did their father, to the church of that denomination.

CHARLES M. REMICK, a well-known resident of Rye, is a representative agriculturist of this part of the county. He was born here September 18, 1857, son of John S. and Mary F. (Seavey) Remick. His grandfather, John Y. Remick, also a native of Rye, came of pioneer ancestry. Grandfather Remick during his life was chiefly engaged in farming; and he partly cleared and placed under cultivation the homestead now occupied by his grandson, Charles M.

John S. Remick, who was born September 21, 1826, in Kittery, Me., was educated in the common schools of this town and Portsmouth, and at an early age became familiar with farm occupations. Having succeeded to the homestead property, he greatly improved it, and lived there throughout the rest of his life. In politics he was a Democrat. He served his townsmen as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and in 1885 was elected to represent the town of Rye in the State legislature for a term of two years. Shortly after the latter event he died on the home farm, September 5, 1885. His wife, Mary, who was a lifelong resident of Rye, born January 18, 1830, died March 2, 1861. Their children were: Lizzie, Etta, Charles M., and John. Lizzie, who married Charles W. Spear, died, leaving one child, Elvarine. John first married Miss Julia Reed, who died, leaving one child, Alberta. He subsequently married Miss Elizabeth Moore.

Charles M. Remick acquired a practical education in the common schools of his native town. He has always resided at the homestead. In his early manhood he assisted his father in the farm work, and divided with him the labor of building the present commodious residence. Mr. Remick, like his father, has always voted the Democratic ticket. He cast his first Presidential vote for General Hancock in 1880. He takes an active part in the management of town affairs, and for the past two years has been Selectman and Road Surveyor. He is a member of the newly organized grange of Rye.

Mr. Remick was married December 24, 1884, to Miss Emily B., daughter of Charles J. and Mary A. Drake Brown, of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Remick have three children — Mary B., John Harold, and Charlotte B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Remick are members of the Congregational church.

ALONZO W. K. GREEN, a successful grocer of Portsmouth, was born at Rye, N.H., October 14, 1845, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Foss) Green. The Greens have been residents of this part of the State for some generations. One of the distinguished ancestors of the family was General Greene, famous for the invaluable services he rendered the country in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Green's grandfather, Richard Green, who was a native of Rye, followed the occupation of farmer, and died at a ripe old age.

Thomas Green, son of Richard, was also a native of Rye, born in the year 1811. After receiving such education as the district schools of the time afforded, he learned the trade of

a mason. Subsequently he followed that calling in partnership with George Whitehouse, under the firm name of Whitehouse & Green, for a number of years. He represented Rye in the State legislature for two years. His wife, Elizabeth, who was a daughter of Job and Martha Foss, of Rye, made him the father of five boys and five girls, of whom Alonzo was the sixth in the order of birth.

Alonzo W. K. Green, having obtained his education in the common schools of Rye, came to Portsmouth at the age of sixteen years to fill the position of clerk in the grocery store of Richard Walden. When Mr. Walden died in 1877, Mr. Green bought out the business, and has conducted it successfully since. As clerk and proprietor, he has worked in the same store for thirty-five years.

In 1878 Mr. Green was united in matrimony to S. Amanda Walden, daughter of his former employer, Richard Walden. They have had two children, a boy and a girl, both of whom are now deceased. In politics Mr. Green is a Democrat. He has served the city as Councilman from Ward 4, and as Alderman for two years respectively. In 1894 he was chosen Selectman by the legislature. He has been a member of Piscataqua Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, since 1866; and of St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., wherein he has advanced to the thirty-second degree, and to fellowship in Washington Chapter, De Witt Clinton Commandery, the William A. Raymond Consistory, Aleppo Temple and Mystic Shrine of Boston.

JOHN O. FOSS, a prosperous farmer and meat dealer of Rye, is a native of this town, born August 19, 1830. His parents were Deacon Richard and Eliza (Shapley) Foss. On both sides he is descended from early settlers of the town. Deacon Foss was identified with the material interests of his native town for many years. He was also a leading member of the Congregational church, holding the office of Deacon for a long time. He married Miss Eliza Shapley, by whom he became the father of six children, namely: John H. and Orrin, who died in infancy; Robert S., who died in 1889; John O.; Eliza E.; and Chalcedonia. Robert S. served in the late war, going out as a teamster with the Thirteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. Eliza E. lives at Newton, N.H. Chalcedonia, now deceased, was the wife of Daniel M. Foss.

John O. Foss attended the district schools in his youth. Since attaining his majority, he has been more or less occupied in farming. Thirty years ago, with commendable enterprise, he started in the butcher business, which he has carried on since with increasing prosperity. His many excellent traits of character have won the regard of the community. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1852 for Franklin Pierce, and since the formation of the Republican party has been one of its stanchest adherents. Osgood Lodge, No. 48, of Portsmouth, registers him an Odd Fellow.

On November 10, 1853, Mr. Foss married Mary A. Green, who was born and bred in the town of Rye. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters. These are: Charles H., Willie J., Carrie M., and Mabel J. Willie J., who is an electrician, living at Rye, married Emma Merrill, of Plymouth, N.H.; and Carrie M. is the wife of Hollis W. Marden, of this town. The mother died on May 11, 1864. In September, 1867, Mr. Foss married again, taking for his second wife Sarah A., daughter of Samuel and Cecilia (Foye) Marden, of Rye. Of the five children born of this union, Herbert E., Edith C., Ernest, and Myron S. are living. Charles O., the first-born, was drowned July 4, 1881. Herbert E. married Miss Charlotte Odiorne, a member of the distinguished family of that name, and has one child, Ray Herbert.

JAMES COCHRAN, a prominent resident of Windham, was born in this town, July 4, 1820, son of Captain Isaac and Nancy (Dinsmoor) Cochran. The family is an old and prominent one in this locality, its representatives having been for several generations closely identified with the growth and development of Windham. James Cochran, Mr. Cochran's grandfather, was one of the prosperous and influential residents of his day.

Captain Isaac Cochran, a native of Windham, born September 30, 1788, was brought up a farmer, and owned a valuable piece of agricultural property, which he cultivated with success during the active period of his life. He figured conspicuously in local affairs, serving with ability as Selectman and Town Treasurer, and holding for several years a Captain's commission in the State militia. He died at his home in Windham, March 26, 1862. Captain Isaac Cochran was twice married. Of his children by one wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Dinsmoor, a native of Windham, there are now living: Mary, the wife of B. E. Plumpelly, of McLean County, Illinois; James, the subject of this sketch; William D.; Charles; Ellen; and Isaac.

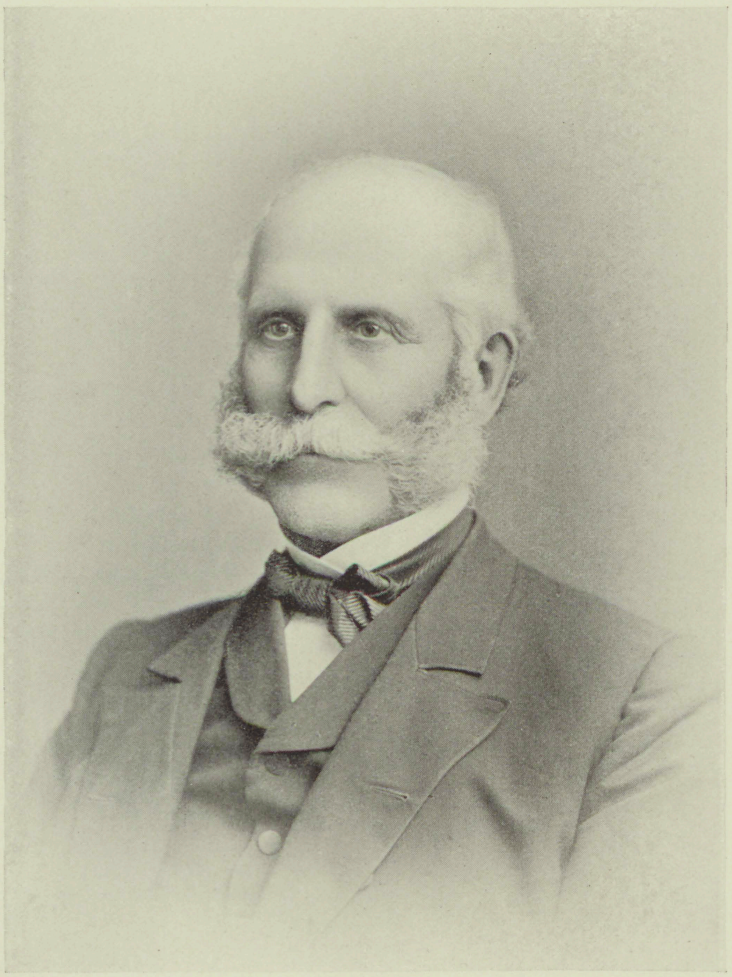
James Cochran acquired his education in the district school. From his early youth he has been engaged in tilling the soil. He was profitably engaged in lumbering for several winters. His chief attention, however, has been given to his farm, from which by vigorous and progressive management he has obtained a good income. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He takes a lively interest in public affairs, was Town Clerk for a number of years, and was chosen a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention held in 1889.

On October 8, 1846, Mr. Cochran wedded Sarah A. Hughes. She was born in Windham, March 3, 1824, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thom) Hughes, both of whom were natives of this town. Mrs. Cochran's grandfather, John Hughes (first), a native of the north of Ireland and of Scotch ancestry, emigrated to America, and, after serving as a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, settled in Windham. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have eight children; namely, James A., Mary A., John H., William B., Sarah A., Emma M., Ellen R., and Charles H. Mary A. is the wife of A. L. Barker; Sarah A. is the wife of Joseph Currier; Emma M. is the wife of George E. Snelling; and Ellen R. is the wife of John H. Oberg, of Dorchester, Mass. Both parents are members of the Presbyterian church at Windham Centre. Mr. Cochran, who is one of the oldest and best-known residents of Windham, has devoted a considerable portion of his useful and industrious life to the general welfare of the community. He is now passing his declining years at his pleasant home in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest. Both he and his wife are social favorites, having a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

WARREN CASWELL, a farmer and fisherman of Rye, was born May 10, 1832, on the homestead where he now lives. For some generations the ancestors of Mr. Caswell passed their lives on the Isles of Shoals, making fishing their principal occupation. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Caswell, resided there until incapacitated for active occupation by age. He then came to Rye, where he made his home with his son until his death in August, 1846, at the age of eighty-five years.

William Caswell, a son of Samuel and the father of Warren Caswell, was born and bred on the Isles of Shoals, receiving but three months' schooling. He was engaged in the chief industry of the place, that of fishing, for many years, thereby earning a good living. Subsequently, desirous of becoming a landowner, he bought a farm in the town of Rye, and thereafter gave a portion of his time to its cultivation. He was an industrious, hard working man, and lived eighty-four years. He married Mrs. Polly Green, of Rye, who bore him five children — Mary, Elizabeth I., Sulie A., Maria S., and Warren. Of these Warren is the only one now living. Mary married Warren Clay, and their only child died in infancy. Elizabeth became the wife of Gilbert C. Berry, by whom she had ten children, of whom three are now living — Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Florence Salter, and John O. Berry. Sulie A. married Edward Lunt; and they had one son, Augustus C. Mrs. William Caswell had three sons by a former marriage, but none of them are now living.

Warren Caswell, who was educated in the district schools of Rye, has succeeded to the occupations and the homestead of his father. Both as fisherman and farmer, he is one of the most prosperous residents of the town, and is justly respected by all who know him. He



HERVEY KENT.

cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856, and has ever since been a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. In 1881 and 1882 he represented the town of Rye in the State legislature, but on account of trouble with his eyes has been forced to decline other official honors.

Mr. Caswell has been twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Knowles, died August 2, 1866, leaving one son, Charles L. The latter, now a resident of Somerville, Mass., married Mabel Pierce, a native of that town, and has one child, Alice. On March 13, 1867, Mr. Caswell was again married, taking for his wife Miss Mary E., a daughter of Samuel E. Berry, and a descendant of one of the early families of this place. Three children have been born of this union; namely, George H., Ella M., and Chester W. George H. married Miss Maud I. Gilbert, and is now living in Massachusetts.

HERVEY KENT, a retired manufacturer residing in Exeter, N.H., was born in Alstead, Cheshire County, N.H., on April 26, 1818, son of Captain Asa and Polly (Abel) Kent.

The Kent family was early represented in New England by a number of immigrants bearing this surname. Among them were three brothers — James, Richard, and Stephen. (See Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary.") Isaac Kent, the grandfather of Hervey, came from Connecticut to Alstead. His brother Benjamin settled in New York, and his brother Zarah in Nova Scotia. Grandfather Kent was a remarkable man, being at seventy-five years of age apparently in his prime; and up to the time of his death, in January, 1833, when he was ninety-two years old, he retained his faculties. He was married four times, his third wife, Sarah Holbrook, being the mother of Captain Asa Kent, also of two other sons and a daughter. These two sons, Stephen and Arad, emigrated to near the Scioto River, Ohio, where they became prosperous farmers; and their numerous descendants still live in that section.

Asa Kent was born in the year 1794 in Alstead, N.H., and died there in 1880 in the house in which his birth occurred. His wife, Polly, was a daughter of the Rev. Alfred Abel of Lempster, Sullivan County, N.H. Her father, who engaged in the twofold occupation of a farmer and Baptist preacher, lived to be ninety-three years of age. Her uncle, Dr. Truman Abel, was a man of letters, being the author and publisher of the Abel Almanac.

Asa Kent and his wife were the parents of five children, two sons and three daughters, as follows: Hervey; Harriet, who became the wife of James S. Patridge, of Alstead, and died in 1870, leaving three children; Charles H., who went to Davenport, Ia., forty years ago, and is successfully engaged in business as a land broker; Sarah, who married a Mr. Fisher, and died in Lawrence, Mass., in 1871, leaving no children; and Emily S., the wife of Mahlon J. Manville, of Crete, Neb. In her early years, under the instruction of Dr. Richards at Meriden, N.H., Mrs. Manville, then Miss Kent, fitted herself for a teacher; and she has since been actively engaged in educational work, in which she has won an enviable reputation, being now, although sixty years of age, at the head of the Crete (Neb.) High School. The fact that she has never ceased to be a student has, no doubt, had not a little to do with her success as a teacher. She is the mother of two sons and a daughter, all of whom have inherited large mental ability, and are winning a name for themselves. Mrs. Asa Kent died in 1850, at fifty-one years of age.

Hervey Kent remained on the home farm until near the close of his minority. He received a good practical common-school education; and, beginning at nineteen years of age, he engaged in teaching for three terms. When he started out in life for himself he possessed no cash capital. He first went to Nashua, where he secured employment in a mill, receiving but fifty cents per day, and soon after went to the First Mill in Manchester as third hand; but in a short time he was advanced to the position of second overseer. From Manchester he went to Newton Upper Falls, Mass., where he held the position of overseer. In June, 1845, he went to Fitchburg, and, in company with another gentleman, hired a mill, which they had oper-

ated for two years, when the Walker tariff of 1846 affected the business to such an extent that Mr. Kent accepted a position with Mr. John Smith, of Barre, Mass., as superintendent, a position he held one year. After that he accepted a position in the Atlantic Mill of Lawrence, Mass., as overseer, and was there some four years. Thence he went to Great Falls, N.H., as superintendent of the Great Falls Mills, under John A. Burleigh, agent, and was there until the panic of 1857, when half of the mills were stopped, and for six months Mr. Kent was without employment. He then secured a position with the Pittsfield Mills at Pittsfield, N.H., as agent, the mills being controlled by Dale Brothers, of Boston. Having remained with the firm almost two years, he secured the position as superintendent of the Androscoggin Mills of Lewiston, Me., with which he remained almost two years. He then was engaged by Dale Brothers & Co. as agent of the Exeter Manufacturing Company at Exeter, N.H., and to have an oversight of the Pittsfield Mills. He remained with this company until 1895, acting as Treasurer and Agent for over thirty-three years.

On October 14, 1841, Mr. Kent was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Jane Hanson, of Derry, N.H. Four children have been born to them, as follows: Georgia L., residing at home; Emma J., a young lady of much musical talent, with whom they were called to part in 1870, when she was but twenty-two years of age; Cora L., the widow of John J. Bell; and George Edward, residing in Pittsfield, N.H., having been associated with the Pittsfield Mills for seventeen years. In May, 1895, George E. Kent succeeded his father as agent of the mills. He is a bright, capable business man and a good financier, and has served two years as State Auditor. He is married, and has two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Hervey Kent has been a lifelong Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public office. He is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Star in the East Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Exeter, and also the Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Kent is a leading member of the Second Congregational Church of Exeter, having been Deacon upward of twenty-five years. Throughout his life he has been a believer in special providences; and in trying to help others it is a pleasure to remember that he was unwittingly helping himself, as later developments proved. Now that he has laid aside the cares of business, and has leisure to enjoy the fruits of his many years of close application, the ties and friendships here formed have influenced him to continue his residence in Exeter.

JEREMIAH M. AVERY, a prosperous farmer of Londonderry, and the superintendent and manager of the famous Lithia Springs, was born in this town, April 21, 1826, son of Foster and Rebecca (Robinson) Avery. His first ancestor in this country, William Avery, an Englishman, settled in Topsfield, Mass., in the early part of the last century. From him the descent was continued by Paul (first) and Paul (second) to Mark, the grandfather of Jeremiah M. Mark Avery, a native of Middleton, Mass., was a Revolutionary soldier. He removed with his family to Londonderry, where he purchased the farm now occupied by his grandson from Zaccheus Greeley, the grandfather of the celebrated Horace Greeley.

Foster Avery, son of Mark, was also born in Middleton. He was sixteen years old when the family came to Londonderry. The rest of his life was spent on the home farm, to which he succeeded upon the death of his father. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Presbyterian. One of the representative citizens of the town, he was widely known and respected, and died in 1868, at the age of seventy-four. His wife, who was born in Hudson, N.H., was also of Revolutionary stock, her father, Andrew Robinson, having borne arms against the British in the War of Independence. Of their eight children there are living: Jeremiah M., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, now Mrs. Stiles, a widow, living in Lowell, Mass.; and Eadee, the wife of Nathaniel Ballou, of Iowa. John, one of the deceased sons, was the father of George S. Avery, a Presbyterian clergyman in New York City, who is widely known as a worker in the Young Men's Christian Association.

Jeremiah M. Avery acquired the rudiments of his education in the district school, and attended a select school at Hudson for one term. He has resided on the home farm all his lifetime. The property contains about one hundred acres of land, and is in a high state of cultivation. For some thirteen years he has been superintendent and manager of the Lithia Springs, which are on an adjoining farm; and his teams transport the water to the bottling-house at Nashua, N.H. It is hardly necessary to state that this water is known and used all over the Union and even in Europe, resulting in an immense demand.

On October 19, 1854, he was united in marriage with Julia A. Upton, daughter of Jonathan and Nancy (Whittemore) Upton, natives respectively of Reading, Mass., and Hudson, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Avery have had five children, three of whom are living, namely: Mark, who resides in Lowell, Mass.; and Frank and Alice, living in Londonderry. A deceased daughter, Ida F., who married Wilber E. Barrett, was before her marriage a very successful teacher.

Mr. Avery votes the Democratic ticket. He is one of the influential men of Londonderry, whose opinion on public matters always carries weight. Mrs. Avery is a member of the Presbyterian church.

NATHANIEL HEMPHILL, a farmer of Derry in the first half of the century, was born here, May 22, 1788. The family was founded by Nathaniel Hemphill, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, where he was born in 1700. In 1728 he emigrated to America, and settled in Windham, this county, where the family name and possessions have been handed down to the present generation. Nathaniel's son Robert left a son Nathaniel, who was the father of the Nathaniel who is the subject of this article. Nathaniel Hemphill (second), who was a native of Windham, married Jane Moore, who was born in Derry.

Nathaniel Hemphill was reared and educated in Derry, and there was subsequently engaged in farming. He was an adherent of the Whig party. As a member of the First Church in East Derry, he set a good example to the rising generation by his acknowledgment of religious duties. He died in August, 1843. His widow, who survived him eighteen years, died in 1861. Of their children the survivors are: Martha A., a resident of Manchester, N.H.; Eleanor, who lives on the home farm; Margaret, the widow of George R. N. Sargent, and now living in Rutland, Mass.; John, who lives in Derry; and Joseph, also residing on the home farm. The Hemphill estate has been in possession of the family since 1738, a period of more than a century and a half. As its proprietor Joseph represents the family, and honorably discharges the duties that are the natural heritage of an old and respected name. He is a Republican in his political relations, and has won the esteem of the community in which he lives. The old adage, "Like father, like son," is strikingly applicable here; for Joseph Hemphill is perpetuating in his own life and history those traits and characteristics for which his father was known and respected.

GEORGE OLIVER HODGDON, a well-known public man of New Market and an ex-member of the State legislature, was born in this town, July 21, 1853, son of John W. and Elizabeth A. (Caswell) Hodgdon. Mr. Hodgdon's grandfather, David Hodgdon, was a resident of Barrington, Strafford County. John W. Hodgdon, a son of David and a native of Barrington, came to New Market when he was sixteen years old. Here he learned the painter's trade, and followed it thereafter for the rest of his life. His upright character and quiet, unassuming manners gained for him the esteem of the community; and his death, which occurred October 28, 1877, was mourned by many. He married Elizabeth A. Caswell, daughter of William Caswell, of Northwood, this county. She is still living, having reached the age of seventy-four years.

George Oliver Hodgdon attended the public schools in his early boyhood. At the age of twelve he began work in the cotton-mills, where he was employed for two years. He then returned to school for another year, after

which he learned the painter's trade. He has since followed that calling, and is now known as one of the most expert and reliable painters and decorators in town. In politics he is a prominent member of the Democratic party. He has served the town as Selectman and Town Treasurer, was Tax Collector for five years, represented the town in the legislature for two terms, and in 1894 was the only Democratic candidate for office elected in this town.

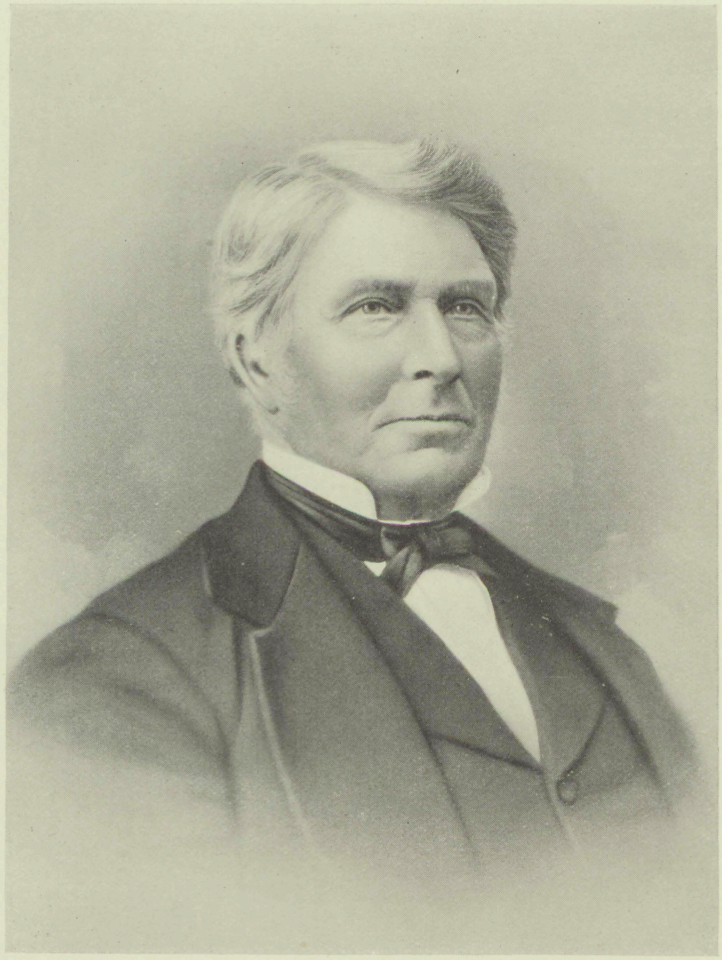
In 1873 Mr. Hodgdon wedded Eudora, daughter of William and Abigail Otis Ransbottom, of Rochester, N.H. Of their children three survive, namely: Josephine, the wife of Charles A. Sinclair, of this town; George W., who in early life had the misfortune to lose his eyesight, and is now residing at home; and Elizabeth G. Both parents are members of the Baptist church, which the father has served for some time in the capacity of Treasurer. Mr. Hodgdon is at the present time Senior Warden of the local Masonic lodge, Past Grand of the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Trustee of the lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, and a Director of the Young Men's League. When a mere boy he entered the fire department as torch bearer, becoming later a regular member and the clerk of the company. When it was reorganized as a hose company, he was elected to the same position, which he still holds in addition to that of Treasurer. He has been a member of the department for nearly thirty years, having served in an official capacity for twenty-five years; and he is now the Nestor of the company.

LEVI W. DEARBORN, a busy farmer of North Hampton, was born here, January 6, 1832, son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Dearborn) Dearborn. He is descended from an early settler of the county. Simeon Dearborn, his grandfather, also a native of North Hampton, was a farmer, spent his whole life in the neighborhood of his birthplace, and died in his seventy-fifth year. He married Mary Smith, and was the father of a son, Jeremiah, who inherited the farm at his death.

Jeremiah Dearborn was educated in the district schools. He also remained all his lifetime on the home farm, having inherited his father's love of home. He married a North Hampton maiden, Hannah Dearborn, by whom he became the father of four sons and two daughters. These were: Isaac N., who died aged eighteen; Henry M., who died in 1862; Levi W., the subject of this sketch; George; Martha J.; and Ellen. Ellen passed away in 1861. George married Augusta A. Batchelder, of North Hampton, and resides in North Hampton. Martha married Thomas J. Philbrook, who died leaving her a widow. Her only son, George A., also died in early boyhood, aged fifteen, so that Mrs. Philbrook is alone in her bereavement.

Levi W. Dearborn was educated in the district schools and at Hampton Academy. After leaving school he engaged in farm work. He also learned harness-making from his father, who had followed that trade in his youth. He was afterward employed as a track repairer on the Eastern Railroad, now the Eastern Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, from October 1, 1861, to October 31, 1895. In this occupation he had charge of a large number of workmen, and he was frequently called upon to repair the damages of wrecked trains and other railroad accidents. Rheumatism, contracted while engaged in this work, at last forced him to resign it. He then returned to his home, and has since been occupied in cultivating his thirty-five-acre farm. He also occupies himself somewhat with harness making and repairing.

Mr. Dearborn was joined in matrimony with Mary E. Batchelder, a daughter of Nathaniel Batchelder, of North Hampton. Their only child, Herbert N., the light of his parents' lives, died in 1865, at the age of six years. Seventeen years ago they adopted a little girl, Lila A. Dearborn, whom they have educated and otherwise treated as their own child. In 1883 Mr. Dearborn was sent to represent this town in the legislature, and he discharged that duty efficiently and with ability. He is a member of the Rockingham Relief Association, and is in the communion of the Congregational church. Since he cast his first vote for James Buchanan in 1856, he has been loyal to the



WILLIAM FRENCH.

Democratic party through "good and evil report."

JOHN NORRIS, a prosperous farmer of Exeter, was born here in 1818, son of Josiah R. and Betsy (Conner) Norris. Josiah Norris, who was a native of Epping, this county, followed the occupation of farmer throughout the greater part of his life in Exeter. He took an active part in local politics, and served the town in several important capacities, including those of Selectman and Overseer. To the day of his death he enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. His wife, who deservedly shared the respect entertained for her husband, survived him several years, having passed all her lifetime in Exeter.

John Norris grew to manhood on the paternal farm, receiving his education in the district schools of Exeter, at a boarding-school in Newfield, and at another in Hampton. Having finished his schooling he returned to the homestead, and, complying with his father's wish, he applied himself to acquire the practical knowledge of agriculture necessary to conduct the farm. Some time after, the entire management devolved upon him; and later, when his parents died, he succeeded to the property. The estate contains three hundred acres. All the buildings are modern and substantial.

In 1838 Mr. Norris was united in marriage with Miss Mary B. Brown, a native of Epping, this county. Of the several children born to them only two daughters survive, namely: Carrie E., who is now the wife of Moses A. Perkins, a resident of Epping; and Mary E., who is the widow of Mr. Harmon, lately deceased. Josiah Norris, who was the eldest son, served with distinction as a soldier in the Civil War. In the engagement at Port Hudson he received a gunshot wound, which ever afterward proved a sore affliction. In November, 1891, he answered the last call, and passed to the silent majority. John L. Norris, another son, removed to the State of California, where he subsequently died. The mother passed away on February 15, 1846. In politics Mr. Norris is ruled by conservative principles, and votes independently of all parties. He has attained to the venerable age of seventy-eight years, while his healthful appearance gives the impression that he is fully a score of years younger. Surrounded by comfort and ease, he bids fair to enjoy many more years of life.

WILLIAM FRENCH, of whom a portrait is herewith presented, has the distinction of being the oldest resident of Sandown. He was born here, July 1, 1808. His father, also named William, who was born in South Hampton, this county, came when a youth to Sandown, where he afterward resided. He bought the farm now owned by his son William, and there carried on mixed husbandry during the working days, while he preached the gospel on Sunday. His death occurred in 1860. His wife, whose maiden name was Phœbe Mitchell, a native of Haverhill, Mass., died on the homestead, April 19, 1859. To her and her husband nine children were born; namely, Rhoda, John, William, Nathan, David, Abner, Mary, Elizabeth, and George.

William French is the only surviving member of his parents' family. He obtained his education in the schools of Sandown and New Market, N.H. In his youth he assisted on the home farm, assuming its supervision after his marriage. His farm contains four hundred acres of land, which he devotes to general farming. In point of improvements and equipments it is one of the most complete in the vicinity. He is now living retired from active pursuits, keeping a hired man to attend to the farm labors, and a maid to assist in the housework. For some years he transacted some insurance business in addition to his other employments. He has been an active and useful member of the Democratic party. Besides representing Sandown in the State legislature for two years, he was Justice of the Peace for many years before resigning the office in 1895, Selectman for a number of years, and much of his time Superintendent of Schools. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

On May 22, 1850, Mr. French married

Mrs. Hannah (Lane) Morrill, the widow of Nathaniel Morrill, who was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Epping, this State, until his death in 1848. Mrs. French was born March 12, 1820, in the town of Epping, daughter of John and Judith (Rowe) Lane, the latter a native of Brentwood, this county. John Lane spent his life in Epping, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits much of his time. He learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and in his native village built many houses, some of which are still standing. By her first union Mrs. French had no children. Of her marriage with Mr. French two have been born — a daughter, Mary Frances, who graduated from Tilton Seminary, Tilton, N.H.; and a son, George Morrill. Mary Frances is the wife of the Rev. Willis P. Odell, pastor of a Methodist church at Buffalo, N.Y. George Morrill, who married Miss Anna M. Emery, of Suncook, N.H., is a very successful and prominent physician of Malden, Mass. Mr. French and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sandown village.

EDWARD J. MOULTON, who for fifty years has been successfully engaged in the business of a joiner in Portsmouth, was born on Jefferson Street, this city, on January 13, 1824, son of John and Sarah (Drown) Moulton. His great-grandfather, Joseph Moulton, who was born here in the year 1743, at one time served as Sheriff of this place. He married Miss Leah Bickford, by whom he had seven children; and his death occurred on December 8, 1808. Thomas Moulton, the second of the seven, and grandfather of Edward J., was born here, February 25, 1768. He learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for many years with success. After that he conducted a livery stable business for several years. His death occurred on June 25, 1835, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He married Miss Mary Pitman, who bore him ten children; namely, Lucy P., Thomas T., Sarah, John, Benjamin, Daniel, Olive, Joseph Walton, David, and Mary. Lucy P. married Samuel Hawks; Thomas T. married Miss Sarah Pike; Sarah became the wife of Hiram Paul; Benjamin married Olive Wiggin; Daniel married Miss Cyrenia Brown; Olive Clark became the wife of Joseph Drown; Joseph Walton married Miss Margaret Potter for his second wife; David married Esther Lang, and died in California; and Mary Jane is the wife of Samuel Adams, of the firm of Barker & Adams.

John Moulton's birth occurred May 22, 1798, in the house opposite the present residence of his son. At an early age he learned blacksmithcraft; and, as his name headed the first pay-roll of the navy yard for many years, he must have been one of the first smiths employed there. He died in 1869. His wife, Sarah, was born March 2, 1798, daughter of Major Drown, who was extensively engaged in the beef shipping business. She bore her husband the following children: Eliza J., who married George Barry, and lives in Boston, Mass.; Edward J., now of Portsmouth; Thomas, residing in California; Sarah, who is the wife of Henry A. Turner, of Boston; Joseph, who was formerly in business here, and Warrenton, both now deceased.

Edward J. Moulton received his education in the schools of Portsmouth, after which he learned the trade of a house joiner with Lenard Moses, of Boston. Soon after, in 1846, he returned to Portsmouth, and started in business for himself. This he still conducts, and it is now quite prosperous. In 1849 he went to California, where he spent three years; and just forty years later he was in California again. On September 7, 1851, he was married to Miss Susan J. Leach, daughter of Joseph Leach, of Eliot, Me. They have had three children — Susan, who died on April 3, 1863, six years of age; Warrenton, now engaged in the grocery business on Cabot Street; and Henry T., who is carrying on a plumbing business at Cambridgeport, Mass.

Mr. Moulton was formerly a Democrat, but during the Civil War he became a Republican. His first Presidential vote was cast for Martin Van Buren in 1848. Before Portsmouth became a city, he served as Selectman. In 1861 and 1862 he was an Alderman, and for two or three years he has served as Assessor. For thirty-four years he has been a

member of New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been through all the chairs. He has belonged to the Mechanic Association for twenty-nine years, and in 1890 was elected its President, filling that office two years. In 1874 he was a Trustee of the association, also a member of the Finance Committee; and at the present time he holds the office of Treasurer. He is a member of the First Universalist Church of Portsmouth, of which he has been Warden, and is now a Deacon.

GEORGE L. STOKELL, an esteemed resident and farmer of Exeter, was born in Lowell, Middlesex County, Mass., in 1846, son of George L. and Jane (Dexter) Stokell. George L. Stokell, Sr., a native of New Hampshire, in his young manhood removed to Massachusetts, where he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits for the greater part of his life. He is now seventy-three years old. His wife, also far advanced in years, is still the partner of his joys and sorrows.

George L. Stokell attended the public schools of Boston, Mass., until his sixteenth year. When the tocsin of war sounded in 1861, he donned the blue, enlisting in Company A of the Eighteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. At the expiration of his term of three years he re-enlisted, and entered on a second period of service. At the battle of the Wilderness he received in the right arm a gunshot wound that necessitated the amputation of the limb at the shoulder. In this engagement he also fell into the hands of the enemy, and was held in confinement at Andersonville for nine months. In March, 1865, after four years spent in the country's service, and having suffered the irreparable loss of his right arm, he was honorably discharged. Returning to Boston, he embarked in mercantile pursuits, in which he continued for sixteen years. In 1881 he removed to the farm in Exeter, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Stokell has been twice married. In 1871 he was joined in matrimony with Miss Ella Randall, who, passing away in 1883, left one son, Edwin Stokell. Mr. Stokell's second marriage was contracted in 1884 with Miss Alberta Carroll, daughter of Dr. Albert Carroll, a practising physician at Exeter for many years. This union has been blessed in the birth of six children; namely, Reginald, Arthur, Ruth, Margaret, Anna, and Charlotte. In national politics Mr. Stokell is a stanch Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He keeps fresh his memory of the war by association with the Grand Army Post of Exeter and by membership in the Prisoner of War Association. In religious belief both he and Mrs. Stokell are Methodists, and are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Exeter.

CHARLES TODD WOODWARD, a well-known physician of West Rye, was born in North Adams, Mass., September 13, 1869, son of Luther Warner and Mary (Todd) Woodward. His grandfather, Orrin Woodward, was a resident of Swanzey, N.H., where for the greater number of his mature years he worked at the trade of wheelwright. Orrin Woodward devoted much attention to water-wheels, and constructed very many of those put up in that vicinity. He passed his last years in North Adams, where he closed this life at the age of seventy-eight years.

Luther Warner Woodward was born at Woodford, Vt., and received his education in the public schools of Bennington, Vt., and those of St. Johns, Canada. He is a gas and electrical engineer, and has followed that calling in North Adams, where he has resided throughout his mature years. He united in marriage with Miss Mary Todd, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Todd, of North Adams. They have three sons and one daughter—Jennie M., Robert W., John O., and Charles Todd.

Charles Todd Woodward acquired his preparatory education in the public schools of North Adams. At the completion of his common-school course he matriculated at Dartmouth College, from which institution he duly graduated in the class of 1893. On September 17, 1894, he entered on his medical profes-

sion at Rye, where he has since resided. He has now an increasing and lucrative business.

On November 3, 1890, Dr. Woodward was joined in wedlock with Miss Carrie Harrower, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrower, of North Adams. They have one child, Margaret H. Dr. Woodward maintains an intimate relationship with the medical profession of the vicinity and of the State through the medium of membership in the Portsmouth Medical Association and in the Dartmouth Medical Society. His political belief and aspirations bring him into fellowship with the Republican party, of whose principles he is an earnest advocate and a vigorous promoter.

HERBERT W. MARSHALL, manufacturer of all grades of light top and open buggies, road wagons, democrats, Concord wagons, and other vehicles at Kingston, is a worthy representative of the native residents of this town. He was born August 1, 1853, son of James and Miranda (George) Marshall, the latter of whom was a native of Lyndon, Vt. The first of the Marshall family to locate in Kingston was James Marshall, Sr., the grandfather of Herbert W. He came here from the northern part of New Hampshire a barefooted boy, and subsequently became one of the most prosperous business men of this locality. He first learned the business of carriage-making, and afterward the blacksmith's trade. Having become proficient in both, he established himself as a carriage manufacturer, building a shop, which is still standing near the carriage factory of his grandson, Herbert W., and thereafter conducted the business for sixty years. He was also engaged in farming on a large tract of land in this vicinity owned by him. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Dudley, bore him six children, three of whom — Moses F., James, Jr., and Mary — have passed away. Mary lived but three years. The three surviving children are: Samuel C., who married Adaline Hurd, and is now a resident of Kingston village; John P. Marshall, a professor of Tufts College, Massachusetts; and Jesse P., who married Sarah Nichols.

James Marshall, Jr., was born, bred, and educated in Kingston. Succeeding to his father's business, he carried it on for the remainder of his life. He was also engaged in general farming. His death occurred March 8, 1887. His wife, who died July 5, 1884, bore him three children — John P., Herbert W., and Harold. John P., who was engaged as a carriage manufacturer in Franconia, N. H., was accidentally killed at his factory by a piece of wood projected from a circular saw. Harold, who attended Tufts College for three years, subsequently travelled extensively in this country and in some parts of Europe, lecturing on different subjects. He is now located in Beverly, Mass., having charge of the Universalist church. Since his arrival in Beverly, he has raised and paid the amount of the heavy debt with which the church was burdened. He married Miss Bertha Hills, of Boston, Mass. He has many friends in Boston, chiefly made through membership in several clubs of that city.

Herbert W. Marshall completed his education in the Exeter Academy. At the age of nineteen years the charge of his father's business devolved upon him, and he has successfully conducted it since. The business, which is one of the oldest in this section of the county, was first established in 1800. The factory, distant about a half-mile from the village, is one hundred and eight by fifty feet, with ninety thousand feet of floor space. Connected with it is a large blacksmith's shop. Nothwithstanding that he has been burned out three times, Mr. Marshall has been very prosperous. After each burning he rebuilt on a more extensive plan. Formerly he manufactured for the retail trade, but now his dealings are almost entirely with wholesale houses. In the interest of his business he travels extensively throughout the States. When running his factory at full force, he employs about twenty-five hands, and turns out fifty or more carriages a month. In politics he is a sound Republican.

Mr. Marshall was married September 21, 1882, to Miss Lelia Brown, who was born March 6, 1859, in the village of Kingston, where her parents, Elijah and Sylvania (Moore) Brown, are still living. Mr. Brown,

who was formerly Postmaster of Kingston, and worked as a custom tailor, was born in Newburyport, Mass.; while Mrs. Brown was born and reared in Brunswick, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have two bright and interesting children, namely: Marguerite, born September 2, 1887; and Ethel, born June 2, 1891.

NATHANIEL HAINES SIMPSON, an industrious farmer of Greenland, was born in that town, December 3, 1819, son of John and Comfort (Haines) Simpson. His grandfather was David Simpson. John Simpson, also a native of Greenland, was a prosperous farmer and a successful business man. He married Comfort Haines, daughter of Nathaniel Haines, of this town, and by her became the father of eleven children, ten of whom reached maturity. These were: Charles, Catherine, John, Sarah A., Augustus W., Mary, Nathaniel H., Phila M., Joseph, and Susan. Charles died at the age of twenty-one years; Catherine died in Exeter, at an advanced age; John died at the age of fifty; Sarah A. passed away at the age of seventy; Augustus W. also died at the age of fifty; Mary married Mr. Augustus Lovering; Phila M. died on December 30, 1895; and Susan, who is the wife of Mr. Erastus Hartford, resides in Boston. The father died in 1864 at the age of eighty-four years. His wife passed away in 1876, at the age of eighty-seven.

Nathaniel Haines Simpson was born on the old homestead, where he still lives. He attended the district school and the academy, thereby securing a fair education. At his father's death he succeeded to the homestead, which contains sixty well-cultivated acres. He served the town acceptably as Selectman for three years.

On March 11, 1864, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Anne Rosamond Pickering, daughter of Judge James Pickering, of Newington, N.H. Mrs. Simpson completed her education in the Portsmouth Academy, and at the age of nineteen she accepted an engagement to teach in South Carolina. When the Rebellion broke out, she returned to Newington, where she continued teaching until her marriage. Her father, Judge Pickering, was a native of Newington, born in 1801. He served as Associate Judge for several years. In 1826 he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth A. Miller, of Portsmouth, and became the father of seven children. These were: Harriet A., who died November 9, 1895, at the age of sixty-eight; Mary, who married Charles T. Emery, of Portsmouth, and died in 1876; Anna Rosamond, born in 1830, now Mrs. Simpson; Juliette, who died in 1879; Frances, who is the wife of Samuel C. Perkins, and resides in Boston; James F., of whom no record exists; and Ruth A., who died at the age of twenty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have a son and a daughter. The son, James C., who graduated from Dartmouth College in 1887, is superintendent of schools in Portsmouth. He taught the high school at Woodstock, Grafton County, for a time. Then he was superintendent of schools at Bellows Falls, Vt., for four years. Ruth Simpson married Herman A. Nolte, of Milwaukee, Wis., who is engaged in the insurance business.

OLIVER W. HAM, successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Portsmouth, was born here on October 16, 1852, son of Oliver W. and Mary J. (Frost) Ham. His grandfather, also Oliver W. Ham, and a native of this place, was engaged in business here for many years, and owned the property known as Noble's Island. He married Miss Mary Green, of Portsmouth, and became the father of two sons and two daughters, of whom the daughters survive. Oliver W. Ham, Jr., who was a stone-cutter by trade, worked for eight or ten years as a diver in building the walls around Kittery navy yard. His wife, Mary J., was a daughter of Dependence Frost, of Elliott. They had nine children, of whom all but three are still living. The father died in his forty-second year.

Oliver W. Ham, the eldest child, received his education at Portsmouth. He began his business career as an employee in Rogers's wood-yard. He afterward learned the soap business in the factory of Horton D. Walker,

with whom he remained for seven years, having been superintendent for three years of that period. Following that he engaged in the express business on his own account, and followed it successfully for twenty years. Selling out in April, 1895, he purchased the furniture and undertaking business of S. S. Fletcher. He is now the leading undertaker of Portsmouth, at the same time carrying a large and well-selected line of furniture for the wholesale trade.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Mary Hunter, a daughter of William Hunter, of Portsmouth. She died in 1881, leaving their only child, Oliver W., who lived but seven and a half years.

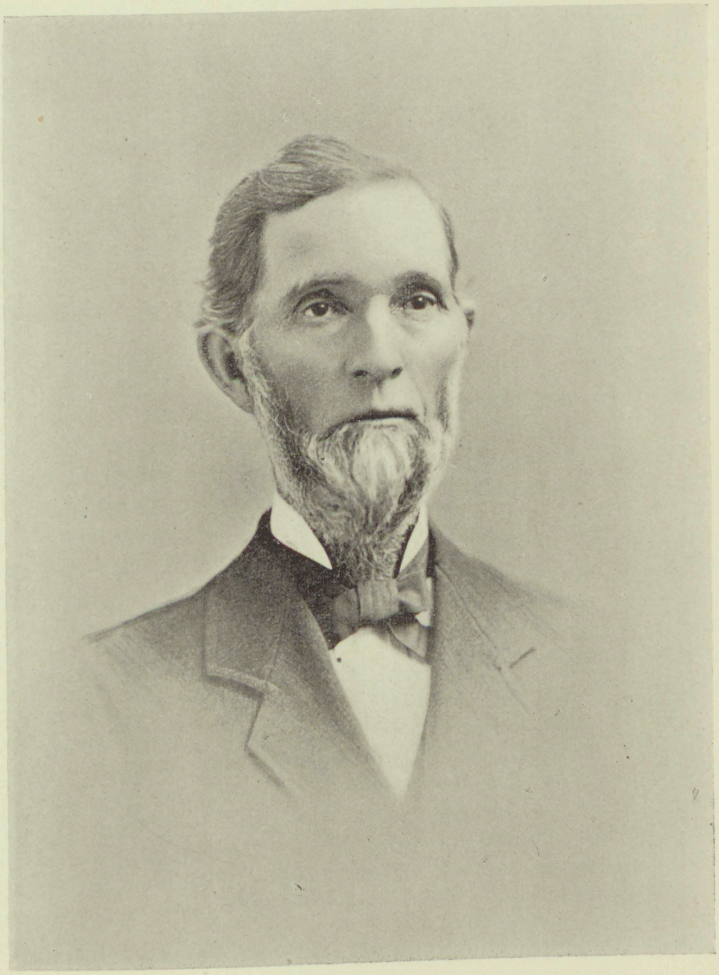
In politics Mr. Ham is a Republican. He is a member of St. John Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of Portsmouth; of Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; and of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Portsmouth. He is a communicant of the North Congregational Church, and for twelve years he was sexton of the Calvin Baptist Church.

JOSEPH P. CROWELL, one of Windham's prosperous farmers, a highly intelligent and influential citizen, was born in this town, originally a part of Londonderry, November 30, 1824, son of Jesse and Hannah (Campbell) Crowell. The ancestors of the Crowell family in this country came originally from England. The Campbells of Londonderry, N. H., came directly from the north of Ireland, but were of Scottish blood and the Presbyterian faith. Mr. Crowell's paternal grandfather, David Crowell, a native of Massachusetts, was the first of his family to locate in New Hampshire. He settled in Londonderry, and became a prosperous farmer.

Jesse Crowell, Mr. Crowell's father, was born in Londonderry, where his boyhood and youth were passed upon his father's farm; and after his marriage he settled in Windham. He was one of the stirring men and successful agriculturists of his day, was widely and favorably known for his many estimable qualities; and he continued active until his death, which took place January 15, 1844. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. His wife, Hannah Campbell, a native of Windham, was a daughter of Henry and Isabel (Gregg) Campbell. Of their children, six are living, namely: Joseph P., the subject of this sketch; David, a resident of Methuen, Mass.; Charles H., who is residing in California; Stephen D., of Methuen; Jane C., wife of Charles W. Campbell, of Westerly, R. I.; and Mary, wife of Charles E. Fegan, of Haverhill, Mass.

Joseph P. Crowell attended both common schools and select schools of Windham; and, after completing his educational course at the Francistown and Pembroke Academies, he was qualified for school-teaching. During his early manhood he followed farming and shoemaking, being engaged for several winter seasons in the last-named occupation; but he has since devoted his entire time and energies, except when engaged in the service of the public, to the cultivation of his farm. He owns one hundred and eighty-five acres of fertile land, which equals any in town for improvement and productiveness; and during his long and successful career as a general farmer he has maintained an unabated prosperity.

He is one of the leading public-spirited men of the town, always ready with his aid and influence in securing any measure calculated to advance the general welfare; and his ability in the administration of public trusts has been practically demonstrated. For several years Mr. Crowell has served as a Justice of the Peace and as Notary Public. In politics he supports the Republican party. He has held the various offices connected with the management of town affairs, as that of Auditor, Treasurer, and Selectman. In the years ending March, 1863 and 1864, he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and agent to fill the quota of the town with soldiers to aid in suppressing the War of the Rebellion. He has also represented the town in the State legislature. Looking back upon his official life, he considers that furnishing soldiers for the defence of the country, and obtaining money to meet the expenses connected with the same, were the most arduous and responsible duties that devolved upon him. The young people of the present day have little conception of



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the toils, anxieties, and cares of all who had anything to do with the management of the good ship Union in that stormy period.

Mr. Crowell and Susan Coburn, a native of Massachusetts, were married on December 15, 1849, and are the parents of three children, namely: Frank A., who is agent for the Nashua & Rochester Railroad at West Windham; Mary J., wife of Charles Clyde, of Nashua, N.H.; and Frederick J., a prominent dentist of Nashua, N.H.

Mr. Crowell is connected with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Rising Sun Lodge of Nashua. Both he and his wife occupy a prominent social position here. They attend the Presbyterian church, of which they are active members.

JOHN E. SEAVEY, a successful farmer of Greenland, was born here August 17, 1852, son of Shadrach and Lucinda (Edgerly) Seavey. Shadrach Seavey, a native of Durham, Strafford County, was born February 27, 1816. He came to Greenland with his parents when he was about five years of age. In 1840 he took charge of the town farm, and held it for periods of ten and five years respectively. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party. He married Lucinda Edgerly, who was born in Wakefield, Carroll County, November 21, 1816. By her he became the father of three sons, namely: James F., a contractor and builder, who lives in Lynn, Mass.; George F., also a resident of Lynn, and in partnership with his brother, James F.; and John E., the subject of this sketch. The father was a Christian, though he never joined a church. He died on October 10, 1894; and his remains were interred in the Greenland Cemetery. His wife still lives, enjoying the best of health, although in her eightieth year.

John E. Seavey received his education in the district school and at Houghton Academy. In early manhood he took charge of the home farm. This property contains sixty acres. Mr. Seavey also owns another farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He makes a specialty of dairy farming. Like his father, he is identified with the Democratic party. He has been Collector of the town, served as Selectman for ten years, and was elected to the lower chamber of the State legislature in 1893.

On October 27, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss Georgia A. Shepherd, daughter of Elizabeth Shepherd, of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Seavey have four children, three of whom are living. These are: Florence E., the first-born, who died when she was eleven months old; Edward; Alice G.; and Marion T. Seavey. Mrs. Seavey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES G. GOOCH, of Exeter, the efficient pattern-maker of the Exeter Brass Works, was born here, December 6, 1851, son of William L. and Frances F. (Safford) Gooch. William L. Gooch, who was a native of this State, early in life applied himself to learn the business of carriage-building, and subsequently followed that trade for a number of years. Being naturally a quiet, unassuming man and of a retiring disposition, he preferred the avocations of his home to the exactions and publicity of a political life. He, however, took an active part in church work, and was a strong supporter of the society of which he was a member. His death, which occurred in 1895, was mourned by a large circle of friends. His wife, also a native of the State, now eighty-three years old, still survives him.

Charles G. Gooch received his education in the public schools of his native town. At the conclusion of his school-days he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and was subsequently engaged in that calling and in farming until 1881. In this year he became the pattern-maker of the Exeter Brass Works, in which capacity he has been employed uninterruptedly up to the present time.

In 1881 Mr. Gooch was united in marriage with Miss Eliza J. Webster, a daughter of George B. Webster, of East Kingston, N.H., and has since become the father of three children — George Webster, William S., and Laura Frances. He is intimately associated with the political and social life of his town. Since he attained his majority, he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, being now Past Grand of his lodge. He has been Selectman since 1889. In the last election, held at the town meeting of 1896, alleged to have been the most exciting one ever held in Exeter, Mr. Gooch received a majority of one hundred and eleven votes. He is a stanch Republican in national politics. In religious faith he and his wife are Congregationalists, and in fellowship with the First Congregational Church of Exeter. The family have a pleasant home on a farm of thirty acres, which receives its due share of attention.

JOHN NUTTER, for many years one of Portsmouth's best-known citizens, was born July 13, 1814, and died October 5, 1895. His opportunities for obtaining an education were sadly limited, as he was obliged to leave the public school at the age of ten years. However, he adequately made up for the loss by diligent study evenings at a private school. His school-days were curtailed as mentioned, for the purpose of apprenticing him to the trade of a baker with Robert Smith. Mr. Smith's bakery was then located near the foot of Daniel Street. In 1826 he removed to Water, now Marcy Street, taking his apprentice along with him. After attaining his majority, Mr. Nutter continued in Mr. Smith's employ for many years, working first as journeyman, and then as foreman of the bakery. Subsequently he purchased the bakery, and carried it on prosperously until 1865. In that year he closed it out, and established a grocery in the same building, thereafter acquiring an extensive trade in fancy and staple groceries.

Complying with an old statute of the State concerning all able bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, Mr. Nutter trained in the militia. He was for a time in the Portsmouth Artillery, with the rank of Orderly Sergeant, successively under the command of Captain Jabez Rowe and his brother, Captain Theodore Rowe. At first a Democrat, Mr. Nutter became a Republican in 1861. He was not an active politician in the modern meaning of the term, but he was ever loyal to his country and State. In religion he was a Congregationalist, having been a valued member of the North Church for more than threescore years. He was an industrious, truth-loving, and law-abiding citizen, honorable and upright in all his dealings, and well worthy the high esteem in which he was held by the community. He was governed in his daily life by the highest principles of morality, and was never addicted to the vices which have such a corrupting influence on our generation, being absolutely free from the use of tobacco or liquor. He retained his mental faculties to the last, and never was obliged to use glasses to aid his sight. His death occurred on October 5, 1895.

In 1845 Mr. Nutter was married to Lucy M. Walsh, and had one daughter, now the wife of George Worthen, a prominent business man of Lowell, Mass., and by whom she has had five children. He was conspicuously identified with the Masonic fraternity for more than half a century. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, May 1, 1839, taking the degree of Fellow Craft October 2 of the same year, and being raised to the rank of Master Mason on December 4 following. He was Tyler in 1840, Junior Deacon in 1846, and Senior Deacon in 1848 and 1849. In 1841 he was exalted in Washington Chapter, becoming Mark Master February 13, Past Master April 16, Most Excellent Master April 17, and Royal Arch Mason April 23. Dating from 1854, he was Treasurer of the chapter. He was made a Knight Templar June 16, 1841, in De Witt Clinton Commandery, of which he was Sentinel from 1878 till 1885. Subsequently he received the side degree of the Cross and Shell from Robert Morris, of Kentucky, the eminent Masonic traveller and author. He was an active worker in the order, and had taken all of Scottish Rite degrees up to and including the thirty-second degree. On February 22, 1892, St. John's Lodge gave a complimentary reception in honor of its four half-century members, the three besides Mr. Nutter being John Dame, Henry F. Wendell, and the late General Hadley. The occasion was one long to be remembered in the annals of the lodge, commemorating, as it did, the fidelity of the four men who had openly maintained its worth and usefulness in the days of yore. The impressive

funeral services of Mr. Nutter were attended by large delegations from the various Masonic bodies of which he was a member, as well as a large throng of loving friends and neighbors. The body was subsequently interred at Lowell, Mass.

BENJAMIN T. PRESCOTT, M.D., of Newington, was born, November 30, 1850, in Boston, Mass., son of Dr. Benjamin and Margaret (Rollins) Prescott. James Prescott, Knight, his earliest known ancestor, was a native of Preston, Lancashire, England. He came to America in 1663, locating in the town of Hampton, this county. The generations succeeding James were represented by: Jonathan, born in 1675; Benjamin, born November 30, 1700; Philamon, born in 1729; Philman, the great-grandfather of Dr. Prescott, who served his country in the Revolutionary War; Mark, the grandfather, who was born in 1771; and Dr. Benjamin, the father, who was born in Brentwood, this county, in 1800. The family retains the coat of arms worn by their ancestor, Sir James Prescott.

Dr. Benjamin Prescott was graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1825, after which he located in Boston, and practised medicine there until 1850. He then took up dentistry in the same city, and followed it until within a few years before his death. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary H. (Sanborn) Prescott, had three children, namely: Sarah F., now the wife of the Rev. G. E. Gordon, of England; Elizabeth, who died in 1864 or 1865; and Benjamin T., who died at the age of six years. The second wife, Margaret A., was a daughter of Ephraim and Abigail (Frink) Rollins, born July 26, 1826. She bore him two children, namely: Martha A., who resides in Boston with her mother; and Benjamin T., the subject of this sketch. The father died, April 11, 1873, in Boston, where his widow still resides.

Benjamin T. Prescott, M.D., after graduating from the Boston Latin School, in 1872 entered the Harvard Medical College, from which he graduated in the class of 1876. He has since made a specialty of surgery, having hardly practised medicine. Dr. Prescott is a literary man, having been a contributor to various papers and magazines. In 1885 he moved to New York City, but making Newington his summer residence. For the past five years, however, he has resided continuously in Newington. The farm occupied by the Doctor, now containing seventy acres, originally covered four hundred acres, and was formerly owned by the Rollins family, his mother's people. In 1891 he was united in matrimony with Melina R. Heckart, daughter of Colonel J. J. Heckart, of Port Deposit, Cecil County, Md. He belongs to the brotherhood of A. F. & A. M.

GEORGE E. FIFIELD, senior member of the firm of Fifield & Whittier, of Newfields, manufacturers of engines and heavy machinery, was born in Stratham, this county, March 31, 1828. He is a son of George B. and Mary (Smith) Fifield, and comes of a long race of sturdy New Hampshire farmers. William Fifield, the founder of the family in America, who was an Englishman by birth, landed in Newbury, N.H., in 1634, and settled in Hampton, N.H., in 1639. His son Benjamin, who was born in 1636, was killed by Indians. Benjamin's son, Edward, settled in Stratham in 1706. Joseph Fifield, Edward's son, and the great-grandfather of George E., had a son, Coker Fifield, who was the grandfather. Coker Fifield was born on the family homestead in Stratham, which was also the birthplace of George B., the father of George E. Fifield.

George B. Fifield was born in 1798. He was a successful farmer; and, being an enterprising and intelligent man, he was prominent in the community. He was Captain in the old State militia, and one of the leading Democrats of the district. For several years he served the town as Selectman; and he represented it in the State legislature in 1840, 1841, and 1842. In religious belief he was a Free Will Baptist. He died November 16, 1872. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary (Smith) Fifield, died in June, 1838, leaving four children, who attained maturity.

These were: George E., Emma, Mary O., and Charles W. George E. is the only one living to-day. The second wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Simpson, bore two children, namely: Sarah, now Mrs. Rollins, who resides in Exeter, N.H.; and Henry, who lived but four years.

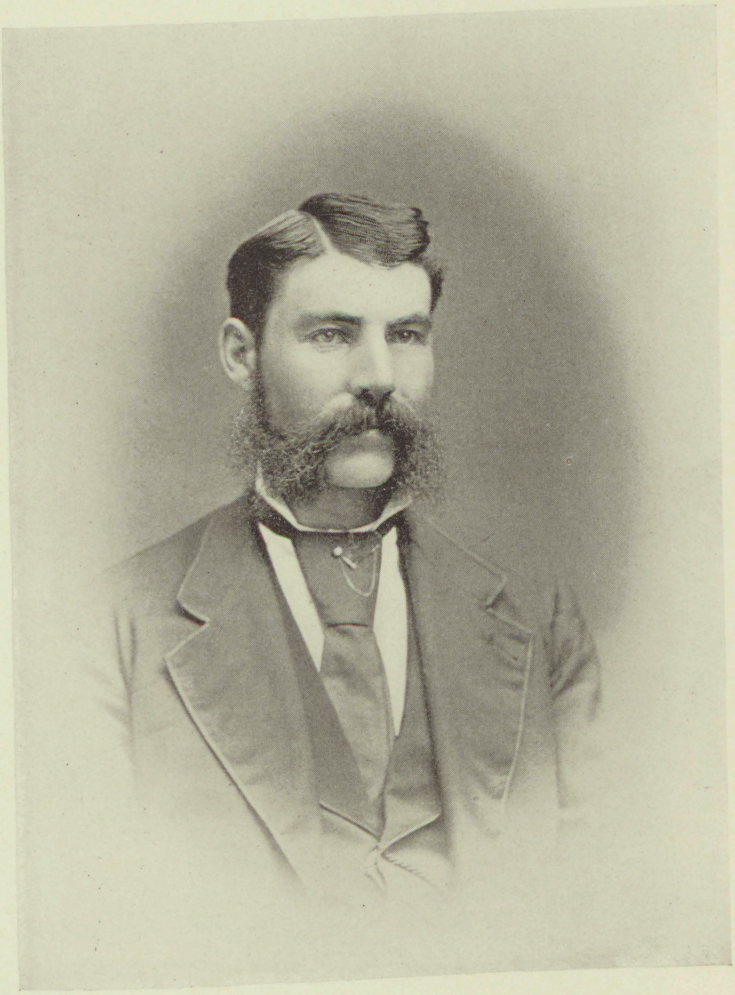
George E. Fifield grew up on the homestead in Stratham, receiving his education in the common schools. When eighteen years of age, he went to Exeter, and was apprenticed to the machinist's trade. After finishing his apprenticeship, he worked as a journeyman in the vicinity of Exeter some four years. He was then employed as an engineer in Cuba for about the same length of time. After his return to the States he was connected with the Squamscot Machine Company at Newfields for another four years. In 1857 he located at his present stand, beginning in a small way. Since then he has gradually enlarged both the scope of his business and his facilities for carrying it on, so that now he and his partner control one of the most important industries in the locality. They carry in stock a variety of machinery of improved patterns and late designs, and they undertake all kinds of repair work in their line. Mr. Fifield has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of tramway locomotives for the Georgia trade, has erected many heavy saw-mills, and has built many engines for local manufacturers. Mr. Fifield is to-day the oldest business man in the town. He has worked hard to accomplish his present success, and has travelled extensively, including many trips to the South. His partner, Albert E. Whittier, was one of his apprentices.

On September 16, 1852, Mr. Fifield was married to Hannah M. Paul, of Newfields, who was born in December, 1834. She died in 1876, and Mr. Fifield has remained faithful to her memory for twenty years. He has one son, George S. Fifield, who was born April 9, 1871, and is now an apothecary in Somerville, Mass. Mr. Fifield is a Republican in politics. He served as legislative Representative in 1867, and has worked for the interest of the town as Selectman and as member of the School Committee. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Fraternity Lodge, No. 56, of Newfields. In religious belief he is liberal, favoring the Universalist church.

GEORGE W. SOUTHWICK is the proprietor of the Southwick House, Chester, N.H., a favorite resort for people from the city who desire to spend their summers where they can enjoy an unlimited supply of pure air, appetizing viands, and genuine home comforts and service. Mr. Southwick was born, November 4, 1845, in Groton, Grafton County, N.H.

His father, Isaac D. Southwick, was born and reared in Weare, N.H. In early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed in his native town and in Philadelphia, Penn. From the latter city he returned to Grafton County, this State, and during his remaining days was engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying April 4, 1879. He married Laura R. Annis, a native of Orford, Grafton County, N.H.; and of their union five children were born, namely: Willie, the eldest, who lived but a year; Hannah W., who became the wife of Josiah Wheat, of Grafton, and died at the age of thirty-three years; George W.; Laura R., wife of Harvey P. Maxfield, residing at Stevens' Point, Wis.; Frank A., also a resident of Stevens' Point, who married Miss Mattie Sawyer.

George W. Southwick had fair educational advantages in his boyhood, attending the common schools in his native town. In 1872 he removed from Groton to Windham, this county, where he engaged in farming for two years. Going thence to Lowell, Mass., Mr. Southwick bought out a store and restaurant, which he conducted for two years, being subsequently engaged in the patent medicine business until 1885. During that year he came to Chester, and bought the farm of an aged uncle, the late Amos Southwick, whom he cared for until his death. Mr. Southwick has since been engaged in farming, expressing, and freighting, in the latter occupation making daily trips between Chester and Manchester. To his farm, which contains sixty acres of land, he has added extensive improvements, including a beautiful house and fine barn, having now one of the most beautiful places in



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the county. During the summer season Mr. Southwick devotes his attention to the comfort and pleasure of guests from the city of Boston and its surburban towns, his house being annually filled with boarders delighted with their surroundings and entertainment. In politics Mr. Southwick votes with the Republican party, of whose principles he is a stanch supporter.

Mr. Southwick was first married on June 18, 1870, to Miss Mary Hobbs, daughter of Reuben Hobbs, a trader and lumberman of Wentworth, N.H.; and on April 7, 1883, Mr. Southwick married Mrs. Rose Turner, who was born June 15, 1852, in Bath, N.H., a daughter of Samuel G. Simons. Her first husband was Milo Turner, a conductor, who was accidentally killed January 22, 1876, on the New London & Northern Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Southwick have one child, Addie Estella, born April 19, 1886.

GEORGE HURD, late of Londonderry, was a progressive farmer, an able legislator, and a model husband and father. He was born in Malden, Mass., July 14, 1823, son of Charles and Rachel (Lovejoy) Hurd. His father and mother, respectively natives of Massachusetts and Maine, lived for a number of years in Derry, N.H., where they settled about the year 1831. George Hurd was eight years old when his parents removed to Derry. He grew up on a farm in that town, acquiring his early education in the public schools. When eighteen years of age, he started to learn the printer's trade, which he worked at for about a year and a half. Subsequently he attended Pembroke Academy for the same length of time. He then obtained employment as clerk in a store, and some time later started a store of his own in Londonderry, stocking it with general merchandise. At the end of five years he turned his attention from trade to agriculture and stock-raising. His farm, covering two hundred and twenty-five acres of land, was one of the largest in the locality. Both as a merchant and farmer he was very successful. Mr. Hurd was a prominent member of Londonderry Grange.

He was married February 28, 1850, to Nancy J. Woodburn, a native of Londonderry. She is a daughter of John and Mehitabel (Melvin) Woodburn, both likewise natives of Londonderry, and a descendant of one of the original Scotch-Irish families who settled and named Londonderry. The founder of the family was her great-grandfather, John Woodburn, a native of the north of Ireland and of Scotch extraction. John Woodburn's son, David, Mrs. Hurd's grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Londonderry, and one of the leading men of the town. Mrs. Hurd is a cousin of the late Horace Greeley, of national fame. The other surviving children of her parents are: James, who resides in Sacramento, Cal.; Mary A., the wife of David Sargent, of Dunbarton, N.H.; Caroline H., the wife of Isaac Clifford, of Concord, N.H.; and Sarah E., the wife of William Chapman, of Danielsonville, Conn. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hurd, seven of whom are living. These are: Florence, the wife of David McGregor, of Manchester, N.H.; Henry L., now residing in Dracut, Mass.; Horace P., residing in New London, N.H.; Elmer E., a resident of Manchester, N.H.; Walter, residing in Londonderry; George A., residing in Haverhill, Mass.; and Laura, in Londonderry. The one who died was named Nancy M.

Mr. Hurd was one of the leading Republicans of the district. He served for two terms as Selectman of Londonderry, was Town Treasurer for a number of years, and was for two years in the State legislature as Representative. Honest and upright in all his dealings, he had the full confidence of his townsmen; and, as an obliging neighbor, a kind husband, and an indulgent father, he won love as well as respect. He departed this life June 10, 1875, leaving an ample provision for his widow, who is living on the pleasant home farm, and who, no less than her husband, has the esteem and good will of her neighbors.

BJUDSON PERKINS, a well-known farmer of Exeter, was born here in 1838, son of Benjamin R. and Mary J. (Dolloff) Perkins. Benjamin Perkins, who was a native of Strafford County, after spending several years in the employment

of the Dover (N.H.) mills, came to Exeter, and was there engaged for a considerable number of years in the manufacture of cotton batting and other goods. He subsequently settled on a farm, where he was engaged in general farming for a prolonged period, and died in October, 1890. His wife's decease occurred in 1870.

B. Judson Perkins grew to manhood on the paternal estate, receiving his education at the Exeter Academy. At the age of sixteen, while assisting in blasting rock, his left hand was torn from the wrist. This injury has necessarily hampered him since. He has always been more or less connected with agricultural pursuits. For very many years he sold farming implements. He also was travelling agent for various firms who dealt in these goods. In 1864 Mr. Perkins was joined in matrimony with Miss Sarah E. Giles, a daughter of William and Mary J. (Langley) Giles, both natives of Strafford County. Mrs. Perkins has borne her husband five children, namely: William H. H., who is with the Kimball Carriage Company of Manchester; Lillian F., who is a teacher in the village of Exeter; Mary J., who for seven consecutive years was a teacher in the public schools of Exeter, but is now pursuing an advanced course at the Bridgewater (Mass.) Normal School; Edwin R., who resides at home; and Flora K., who is a member of the Senior Class of the Robinson Seminary.

Mr. Perkins was Town Supervisor for a number of years. He has been annually chosen Selectman since 1893, receiving a majority of one hundred and fifteen votes at the last election. In national politics he is a Republican. His religious belief is that of the Congregationalists. Lillian and Mary, his oldest daughters, are members of the Second Congregational Church of Exeter.

FREDERICK A. PIKE, formerly a well-known business man and prosperous farmer of Hampstead, and for two years a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Camden, Me., in February, 1818. Being but a small boy when his father died, young Pike went to Chester, N.H., where he was brought up and educated. In early manhood he came to Hampstead, and engaged in the lumber business in this town. He also became the owner of a farm of forty acres, which he conducted in connection with the lumber business for the rest of his life, dying at his home in Hampstead, January 25, 1883. He was an industrious and progressive man and a sterling citizen, respected and esteemed by the entire community. He was a leading spirit in the Democratic party in his section, was twice elected Representative to the legislature, and served his constituents and the general public with ability and credit. He was particularly interested in educational matters, having been one of the incorporators of the Emerson High School in this town; and he served as one of its trustees up to the time of his death.

He married on October 23, 1851, Mary A. Garland, who was born in Hampstead, August 28, 1820, a daughter of Benjamin B. and Mary (Calef) Garland. Mr. and Mrs. Pike had no children. Mrs. Pike, who survives her husband, is now residing with her brother, John W. Garland. She is a pleasant and interesting old lady, sincerely beloved by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and has been united with the Congregational church for many years.

CAPTAIN DAVID ANDERSON, who is also familiarly known as Elder Anderson, is one of the oldest residents of Londonderry, having been born here, April 21, 1816. He is a son of James and Nancy (Campbell) Anderson, his father having been a native of Londonderry, and his mother of Litchfield, N.H. The first of the family to emigrate to this country was James Anderson, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came in 1719 from the north of Ireland, and settled in Londonderry, N.H. The old Anderson homestead has been in the family for over a century and a half. From this James Anderson the descent follows, through James (second), John, and James, to David. John Anderson was among those valiant Revolutionary soldiers who fought for American liberties in the decisive battle of Bennington.

David Anderson received a district school education, and until reaching the age of twenty years lived upon a farm. He then began to learn the shoemaker's trade, and followed it for a quarter of a century. He finally gave it up, and, resuming the occupation to which he was reared, has since carried on general farming with profit. On October 13, 1842, Captain Anderson was married to Miss Persis Tenney, who was born in Londonderry, October 4, 1823, a daughter of David and Persis (Plumer) Tenney. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, of whom three — Helen F., Eliza G., and George V. — have passed away. The two living are: Persis T., wife of Alberto C. Brown, of Lynn, Mass.; and Mary J., wife of Mathew Campbell, of Litchfield, N.H. Captain Anderson is a public-spirited citizen. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a stanch supporter of that party since its organization. When a young man, he was for a period of four years Captain of a militia company, which he drilled at regular intervals. In 1842, the year of their marriage, Captain Anderson and his wife became members of the Presbyterian church at Londonderry. Ten years later he was ordained as Ruling Elder in the church, and still officiates in that capacity. They have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

SAMUEL S. CHASE, an esteemed resident of Stratham, was born in this town, May 3, 1817, son of Andrew and Sally (Clark) Chase. The family is of English origin. Thomas Chase, great-grandfather of Samuel S., was an early settler in Stratham. His children by his wife Lore were: Sarah, born September 26, 1744; Mary, born December 15, 1746; and Dudley Leavitt, born January 4, 1751. Grandfather Dudley L. Chase, who was a native of this town, kept a hotel here in his early days. He also owned a good farm, which he carried on with energy until his death, which took place at an advanced age. He was known as a stirring man and a useful citizen, firm in his convictions, and always ready to speak his mind. He was a stanch patriot during the troubles that culminated in the Declaration of Independence, and he served as a Major in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. He married successively a Miss Ayers and Mrs. Mary (Ayers) Davis, both daughters of Perkins Ayers. By his second marriage, which took place September 24, 1780, he became the father of three children, namely: Nancy, who was born January 23, 1781; Betsey, who was born January 8, 1784; and Andrew, the father of Samuel S.

Andrew Chase was born in Stratham, March 10, 1787. He learned the carpenter's trade, and settled in Roxbury, Mass., where he became one of the prosperous builders of his day, and was prominently identified with the early growth and development of that town. In 1837 he retired from business, and, returning to Stratham, bought the Jonathan Leavitt farm, which he later enlarged by adding some adjoining land. He was an active member of the Christian Baptist Church, and in his later years he supported the Republican party in politics. His wife, Sally, who was a native of Stratham, became the mother of eleven children; namely, Sarah, Dudley, Andrew, Mary, Miltimore, Samuel S., Benjamin C., James, Levi, John W., and Susan. Of these the only survivors are: Mary, the widow of Horace Littlefield, of Prospect, Me.; and Samuel S., the subject of this sketch. The mother lived to the age of seventy-one years; and the father died in 1875, at the age of eighty-eight.

Samuel S. Chase was but a year old when he went with his parents to Roxbury, Mass. After acquiring his education in the public schools, he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. He continued to reside in Roxbury after his father's retirement, and was connected with the building interests of that place for many years previous to its annexation to the city of Boston. In 1874 he relinquished business pursuits and returned to Stratham, where he now occupies a part of his father's farm. The property contains fifty-eight acres of excellent land, and the buildings are in a good condition.

On June 4, 1840, Mr. Chase was united in marriage to Elizabeth Curtis, who was born in Dover, N.H., January 4, 1819. She is a daughter of William and Betsey (Knowlton)

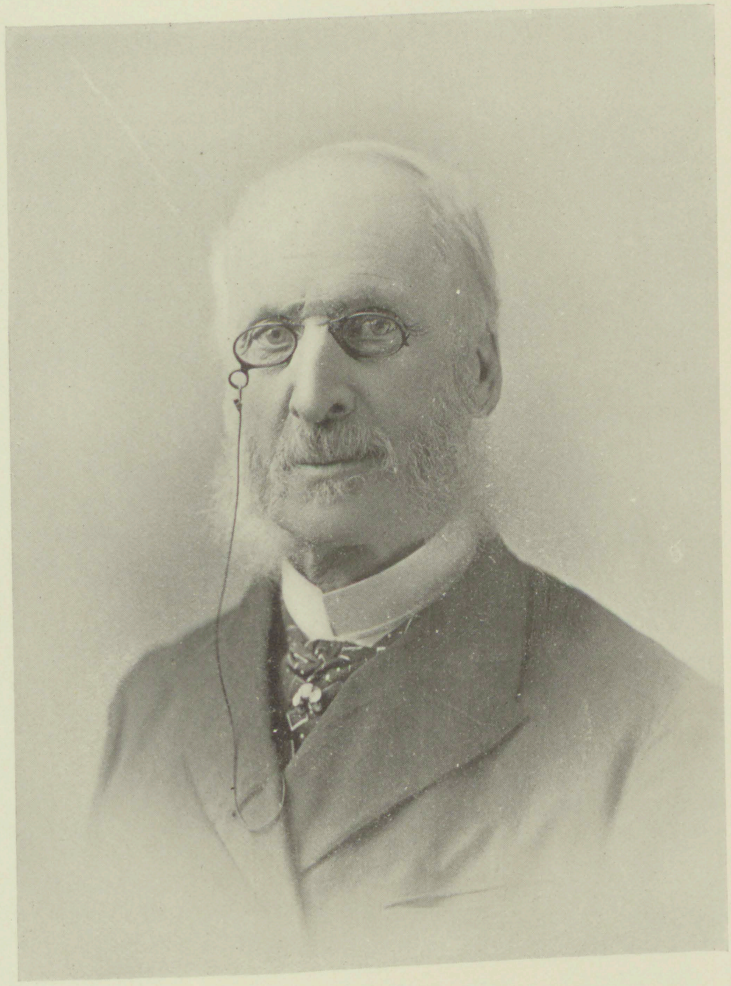
Curtis, the former of whom was a ship carpenter by trade, and resided in various places during his period of activity. He was the father of five children. Of these three grew to adolescence; namely, Mary, William, and Elizabeth. Elizabeth, now Mrs. Chase, is the only survivor. She has had two children — Asher Moore and Elizabeth Edla. Asher Moore, born March 24, 1841, served in the Fourteenth Massachusetts Battery during the Civil War, and died January 12, 1874, leaving a widow and two children — Charles E. B. and Asher St. Clair. Elizabeth Edla, who was born February 2, 1844, died at the age of fifteen years. Both parents attend the Universalist church. In politics Mr. Chase is a Democrat. He was for one year a member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 5 in Roxbury. He was upon the Board of Engineers for some time. He served as Assistant Engineer of the fire department for six years, and he was Captain of a militia company. During his residence in Stratham he has been quite active in public affairs, and has served one year as Town Treasurer. He was initiated into Masonry at Washington Lodge of Roxbury. His life has been a busy and successful one; and he has earned ease and affluence, in which he is spending his declining years.

COLONEL ALBERT L. EASTMAN, who died at his home in Hampstead, N.H., in 1891, was one of the many successful business men whom the Granite State has given to the world. He was born in Hampstead, October 17, 1815, son of Tappan and Susan R. (Boynton) Eastman, the former a native of West Hampstead, N.H., the latter of Newburyport, Mass. His father's father was a native of West Hampstead, and died there at an advanced age, his father's mother also living to be full of years. They were the parents of four children, our subject's father being the second.

Tappan Eastman was born in November, 1789, being the second of a family of four children. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it for a number of years in his native town, also managing the farm on which Colonel Eastman's widow is now living; and he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of shoes in the town of Woburn, Mass., for about eight years, retiring to his homestead in Hampstead in 1841. There he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in farming, and doing a little shoemaking. He was a progressive and industrious man, temperate in all his habits, and was highly esteemed in the community. A loyal Republican, he was prominent in town affairs, but made no effort to attain public office. He died in September, 1864, in his seventy-fifth year. His wife passed away in April, 1883. Both were members of the Baptist church in Woburn, Mass. They had but one child, the subject of this sketch.

Albert L. Eastman attended the Pinkerton Academy at Derry, N.H., and also the Putnam School at Newburyport, where the poet Whittier was one of his schoolmates. Shortly after leaving school, he obtained a clerkship in a general store in Haverhill, Mass. This was the initial step in his mercantile career. He was afterward for several years in the employ of T. D. Whitney & Co. of Boston, some years in a store of the same kind in Louisville, Ky., a short time in Philadelphia, Pa., and a number of years connected with the well-known firm of Arnold, Constable & Co. of New York City. In 1843 he established there the house of Eastman, Townsend & Sheldon, importers of silks, laces, and trimmings, a house that soon took rank among the best and most reliable concerns of the kind in the country, and was the centre of a large trade for a number of years. In 1856 some changes were made, and the firm reorganized under the name of Eastman, Bigelow & Dayton, Colonel Eastman still being the moving spirit of the enterprise. By his good judgment and remarkable ability he kept his business constantly on the increase, successfully weathering the gales of financial disaster, coming through the panic of 1857 almost unscathed, and steadily accumulating property, so that at his death he was owner of much valuable real estate in New York. In 1881 he retired to his early home in Hampstead, where he died January 12, 1891.

Colonel Eastman was active in politics as a Republican. He was Representative from



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Hampstead to the General Court for three terms, the last in 1881, and was Colonel of Governor Cheney's staff; and he was one of the electors at large for President Garfield. As a Mason, he was a member of St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 44, of Derry, N.H.

He was married June 29, 1881, to Mrs Mary E. Irving, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and Clarissa (Page) Kent, of Hampstead. Deacon Kent, who was for many years prominent in the Congregational church of Hampstead, died in 1874. His wife, a member of the same church, passed away in 1865. They were the parents of nine children, Mary E., Mrs. Eastman, being the youngest. Mrs. Eastman has one child by her first marriage, Henry Albert Irving, who is living in Hampstead. She is a member of the Congregational church in this town. Her home on the old Eastman estate is one of the pleasantest in a locality where pleasant homes are the rule, and the sweet breath of the open fields rises unhindered to the boundless sky, where the crowded condition of city life is unknown, and the world-weary worker feels a happy sensation of expansion and rest.

DEACON DANIEL SMITH, a prominent and well-known resident of Brentwood township, was born here, February 16, 1823, son of Deacon Daniel Smith, Sr., and Hannah (Tuck) Smith. His great-grandparents, who emigrated from England to America in the middle years of the last century, resided in Exeter, this State, for a time, after which, in 1752, they came to Brentwood, where they afterward spent their last days. His grandfather, Caleb Smith, born in Exeter, was a mere lad when he came with his parents to Brentwood. His home here was situated on the road running from Kingston to Epping. Deacon Daniel Smith, Sr., spent his entire life in Brentwood township. He was an industrious, enterprising man, who was comparatively successful in his undertakings. He was a carpenter, and for a time was engaged in the Brentwood cotton-mill, the first factory of the kind erected in New England. Subsequently he bought the homestead now owned and occupied by his son Daniel, and there followed general farming, besides working at his trade, until his death in 1845. He married Hannah Tuck, who was born in Brentwood, and they became the parents of nine children. Of these six have died; namely, Susan (whose death occurred in February, 1896), Emeline, Mary, John T., Benjamin F., and Elizabeth. Those now living are: Daniel, the subject of this sketch; Ferdinand E., residing in Alabama; and Mary A., the wife of J. W. Moulton, of Hampton Falls, this county. All the children had good educational advantages for the time, having made their advanced studies in academies, and some being graduates of high schools. The mother, who was sedulously cared for by her son in her widowhood, died in 1866.

Deacon Daniel Smith was the fifth-born of his parents' children. He remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade. He afterward worked at this craft for three or four years in Boston. On the death of his father he returned to the old homestead, where he has since lived. The farm comprises sixty acres of land. Deacon Smith, who has made the more important improvements, has also managed it with signal success, raising chiefly hay, grain, and potatoes. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He represented his district in the State legislature for two years, and was Selectman three years.

Deacon Smith has been twice married. In 1847 he was united to Lydia A. W. Barker, daughter of Benjamin and Lydia Barker, of Exeter. She died in 1851, having borne him two children. One of these died in infancy; and Emma F., who finished her education at the Robinson Seminary, Exeter, lives with her father. Having remained a widower for nearly a score of years, Deacon Smith married again in 1869, when the bride was Miss Mary E. Moulton, of Hampton Falls. She died in 1889, leaving two children — Fannie N. and Sarah M., both graduates of Mount Holyoke Seminary. Fannie N. is now the wife of Dr. John Whitmore, sub-principal of the high school at Lynn, Mass.; and Sarah M. is teaching in the public schools of Brockton, Mass. Deacon Smith and daughters are mem-

bers of the Baptist Church at Exeter, which he serves in the capacity of Deacon.

SAMUEL W. EMERY, a well-known and respected citizen of Portsmouth, Judge of the Police Court, was born in this city, March 30, 1863. He was educated in the public schools; and, after graduating from the Portsmouth High School, he entered the office of W. C. Harriman, and took up the study of law. On April 24, 1884, he was admitted to the bar at Exeter, N.H. He commenced the practice of his profession in January, 1885. Mr. Emery is a Republican in politics. He was City Solicitor of Portsmouth for the years 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, and 1890, and served as County Solicitor of Rockingham County from July 1, 1887, to July 1, 1891, inclusive. On December 1, 1894, he was appointed Judge of the Police Court of Portsmouth, and still holds that position. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; also of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias.

AUGUSTUS D. BROWN, the proprietor of a large undertaking and insurance business in Epping, was born May 20, 1843, in Deerfield, this county, son of Alfred A. and Sarah (Young) Brown. Alfred A. Brown, born in this county, was here reared to farming pursuits, in which he was engaged throughout his life. His last years were passed in Deerfield, where his death occurred in 1854. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Young, survived him several years.

Augustus D. Brown had but limited opportunities for obtaining an education. But eleven years old when his father died, he was thereafter obliged to work for his living. He secured work on a neighboring farm, and from that time until eighteen years of age was engaged in tilling the soil. Having learned shoemaking, after this he was subsequently foreman of the Epping Shoe Factory for four years. Then he was engaged in the clothing business for fifteen years, after which he became a copartner with his uncle in the furniture and undertaking business. His uncle, the late Jesse M. Young, died in April, 1895. Since that time Mr. Brown has been sole proprietor of the establishment, and has managed the business with eminent success. He has a well-selected stock of goods, is one of the most experienced and skilful embalmers in the county, and his high reputation brings him patronage from quite an extensive district. In politics he casts his vote irrespective of party lines, but in accordance with his own opinion of men and measures. He has served the community as Town Treasurer, and for a number of years has been a member of the Board of Health. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, of Geneva; and he has affiliation with the Epping Lodge, No. 80, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On December 20, 1871, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Helen Morrison, of Chicago, daughter of the Rev. John Morrison, an eminent divine. They have had two daughters, one of whom, Hattie, died at the age of eighteen months. The surviving daughter, Miss B. Helena Brown, is a bright and active member of the social community in which she resides. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, with their daughter, are members of the Congregational church. Mr. Brown has been a member of the church Executive Committee for ten years. He has also been Secretary of the Sunday-school, and is now Warden. His reputation is that of a man of high integrity, much public spirit and generosity.

SIMON L. CHESLEY, of Portsmouth, formerly a prosperous merchant of Rye, was born in this town, April 1, 1821, son of Simon and Olive (Elkins) Chesley. His grandfather, Lemuel Chesley, was a native and lifelong resident of Lee, Strafford County, where he had a good farm. Lemuel married Nancy Woodman, of whom it is related that she was once carried into captivity by Indians, that she escaped, and, after suffering extreme privations for two weeks in the woods, with nothing to eat but the carcass of a skunk, she finally reached the home of a white settler.

She and her husband reared seven children. Simon Chesley, the father of our subject, acquired his education and the blacksmith's trade in Lee. The latter was learned under the instruction of his brother. After working at it for fifteen years in his native town, he removed to Rye, settling in the part now called Chesley's Corner, and established a forge. He had reached the age of sixty-seven years at his death. He married Olive Elkins, and with her reared five children, namely: Samuel, who lived to be sixty-seven years of age; John, who died about the age of fifty; Eliza, who lived to be seventy-eight; Hannah, who died at the age of forty-five; and Simon L., the subject of this sketch

Simon L. Chesley obtained his education in the district school. The sea, to whose voice he had listened from infancy, seemed to invite him; and, as soon as he had closed his books, he immediately entered upon the calling of a sailor. A few years of practical experience sufficed to dispel his youthful illusions regarding a sea-faring life; and he returned to the home farm a wiser, if a disappointed, man. He then went to Quincy, Mass., and learned the trade of stone-cutting, after which he was employed for two years by Mr. Wetherbee, of Boston, Mass., as foreman. Believing that he could do better in trade, he opened a twelve-foot store in Rye, and gradually built up a good business, making additions to his store as his trade demanded it. At one time he had a branch store in Boston. He was in partnership with his brother William until the death of the latter. Since that time he has been sole proprietor. He recently moved to Portsmouth, this county. Mr. Chesley is an able and energetic business man, and his record is such that he has the confidence of all who deal with him.

He was married in 1858 to Susan N. Green, daughter of John Green, of Rye, and has two sons. These are: William, who has graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Boston; and Frank, the elder, who married Miss Ella Moulton, of North Hampton, and has one child, Mildred. Mr. Chesley cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844. He is very popular among the Democrats of his native town, always carrying a Democratic vote, and has served for some time on the Town Building Committee. During the late war he was active as a recruiting officer.

RUFUS W. WEEKS, a general farmer of Greenland, was born in this town on August 20, 1819, son of Stephen M. and Mary S. (Gookin) Weeks. Ichabod Weeks, his grandfather was also born here on September 16, 1738. When a young man, he came to the farm now occupied by Rufus W., and lived there many years. He was a noted physician, had a large and lucrative practice, and was generally respected. Dr. Weeks was three times married. After his death his remains were interred in the Greenland Cemetery.

Stephen M. Weeks was born on the home farm in 1781, lived there all his lifetime, served the town as Selectman and in other important offices, and died in 1878. His wife Mary, who came from Portsmouth, N.H., had six children, namely: Charles M., a physician, who died in Georgia; Caroline, a very fine artist, and the painter of the portraits of Governor Bartlett and Dr. Bartlett, which are now in the State House, who died in 1873; Stephen M., Jr., deceased; Nathaniel, a sea captain, also deceased; Ichabod, who died in 1856; and Rufus W., the latest born, and the only survivor. Both parents are also deceased, the father dying at the age of ninety-seven, and the mother in her ninety-fourth year. They were highly respected members of the Congregational church.

Rufus W. Weeks was born on the home farm, and there remained with his parents until he was seventeen years of age. He then went to New York City, where he was employed for two years as clerk. After this he returned home for a short stay, and then went to Kalamazoo, Mich. Two years later he returned to take charge of the old homestead, which is a valuable farm of one hundred acres. Mr. Weeks is an enterprising farmer. He carries on general farming and fruit-growing, and keeps also a dairy. In politics he is a Republican. He has been Selectman seven different terms, member of the School Com-

mittee for a number of years, and in 1860 he was elected as Representative to the State legislature. On June 24, 1861, Mr. Weeks was united in marriage to Miss Ellen J. Belknap, of Sherbrook, Canada. They have had four children: Belknap, who married Miss Bessie Cole, and lives in this town; Goldwin I., a music-teacher, who died July 21, 1891; Arthur H., a farmer of Greenland; and Rufus W., Jr., a student in the Boston Medical College. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are members of the Congregational church.

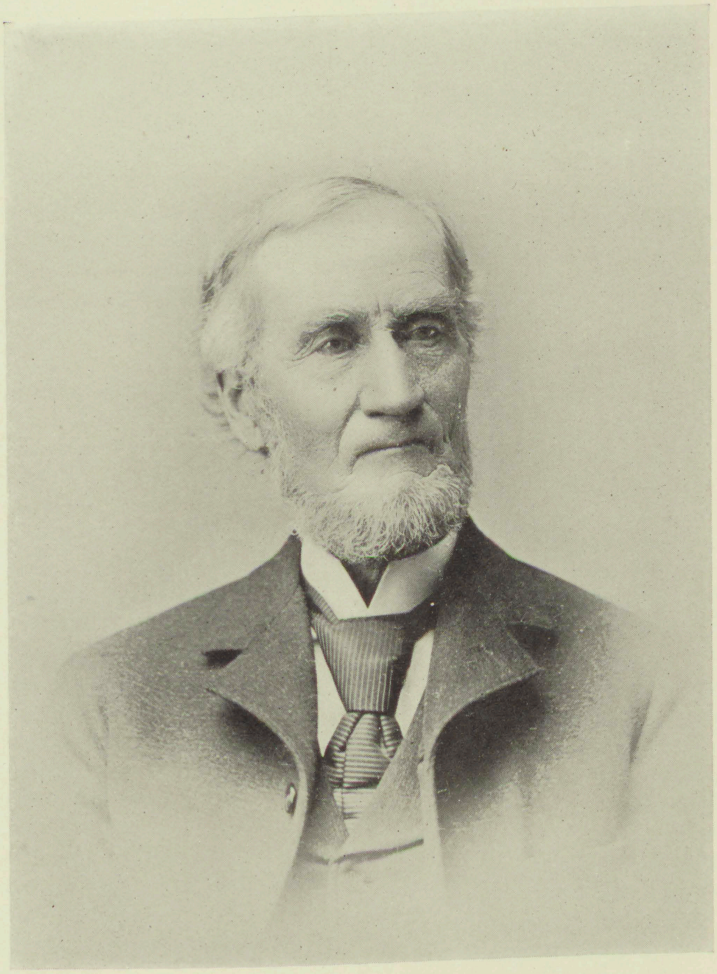
JOHN GARDINER GILMAN, of Exeter, a prominent man of affairs, was born on November 26, 1820, his birthplace being in what is now the heart of the city, covered by dwellings, churches, and blocks of stores. His parents were Captain Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Gardiner) Gilman, the former of Exeter, the latter of Philadelphia, Pa.

His first ancestor in this country was Edward Gilman, a native of Hingham, Norfolk County, England, who was born about 1587. He was made a freeman in Hingham, Mass., in 1638, and a few years later removed to Exeter, N.H., where his three sons, Edward, second, John, and Moses, settled in 1647. The second Edward, from whom the subject of this sketch traces his descent, was born in England in 1617. He came to Exeter from Ipswich, Mass., was accepted as a townsman, and erected mills on the Squamscot. An active and judicious man of enterprise, he was very prominent and popular. He was married in Ipswich to a daughter of Richard Smith. John Gilman, son of the first Edward, was known as Councillor John, being a member of the Governor's Council. In 1693 he was Speaker of the House of Representatives. John Gilman died in Exeter at the age of eighty-four.

Mr. John G. Gilman's great-grandfather Gilman was in the treasury department of the Continental Loan Office, and was one of the Committee of Safety during the Revolution. A man of more than average intelligence, he furnished the brains for much of the local official business at that time. Three of his sons were prominent men, namely: the Hon. Nathaniel Gilman, the grandfather of John G.; John Taylor Gilman, Governor of New Hampshire; and the Hon. Nicholas Gilman, one of the leading merchants and ship-builders of his day, a member of the House of Representatives, and afterward United States Senator. (See Genealogy of the Gilman Family, by Arthur Gilman, published in 1869 by Joel Munsell; and Searches into the History of the Gillmans or Gilmans of England, Ireland, America, and Belgium, by Alexander W. Gillman. London, 1895. Elliott Stock, Printer, 62 Paternoster Row.)

The Hon. Nathaniel Gilman was born in Exeter, November 10, 1759. A prominent business man, he was also a leader in public affairs. He succeeded his father in the treasury department of the Continental Loan Office; was in the State Senate in 1795 and 1802; was Representative in 1804; and State Treasurer from 1805 to 1814, declining after that to assume the cares of office. He died in Exeter, January 26, 1847. The Hon. Nathaniel Gilman was twice married. His first wife, Abigail Odlin, daughter of the Rev. Woodbridge Odlin, of Exeter, was the mother of the following children: Captain Nathaniel, above mentioned; Frances, wife of Colonel John Rogers; Abigail (deceased), wife of Dr. William Perry, of Exeter; Anna, second wife of Colonel John Rogers. Mr. Gilman's second wife was Dorothy Folsom, daughter of General Folsom. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: a daughter, Mary Olivia, who married Commodore Long; and six sons who settled in different parts of the Union — namely, Nicholas, Daniel, Samuel Taylor, John Taylor, Charles Edwin, and Joseph Taylor.

Captain Nathaniel Gilman was born in Exeter in 1793. His title was earned by active service in the War of 1812. A shipping merchant connected with an extensive trade, he succeeded his wife's father in Philadelphia, and was for some time associated with his own uncle, Woodbridge Odlin, in general commercial business. About the year 1820 he removed the seat of his operations from Philadelphia to Exeter, and was for many years a leader in the business circles of this



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city, active as a merchant, a manufacturer, and a dealer in real estate. He was not an aspirant for public office, but was elected to the State legislature. His death occurred October 27, 1858.

Elizabeth Gardiner, who became the wife of Captain Gilman in 1817, was the eldest child of John and Mary (Jervis) Gardiner. Mr. Gardiner was a wealthy shipping merchant of Philadelphia. Mrs. Gilman was a lady of vivacious temperament and brilliant intellect, and wrote freely in prose and verse. Her social and family ties caused her to cherish a warm interest in the Society of Friends, and the adoption of their phraseology lent a peculiar charm to her conversation and letters. Her fascinating qualities of mind and heart insured the warm esteem of all who knew her. She died April 30, 1838, aged thirty-eight years.

By this union Mr. Gilman had seven children: Nathaniel G., who died July 30, 1891, aged seventy-three years; John Gardiner, the subject of this sketch, and Elizabeth Frances, who lives with him; Charles Jervis, a former member of Congress from Cumberland District, State of Maine, a resident of Brunswick, Me.; William Henry, a Yale graduate, who practised law for a while in Dayton, Ohio, and died in Exeter, June 3, 1860; Gardiner, who is unmarried, and lives with his brother and sister in Exeter; and Nicholas, a brilliant and popular young man, who was graduated from Harvard with honors, and whose death, which occurred soon after, on October 31, 1854, was a crushing blow to his father. Mr. Gilman's second wife was Lydia Colton, of Springfield, Mass., who died in 1872, in her sixty-sixth year. She had no children.

John Gardiner Gilman was prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, but did not take a college course, preferring to enter on his business career at once. In 1852 he went to Philadelphia, where he was in business twenty-five years, and had charge of an estate left to his mother by her father. He returned to Exeter in 1878; and, since the death of his brother Nathaniel, he and his brother Gardiner have had charge of the large estate left by their father. This property includes large tracts of timber and arable land, and the brothers are engaged in general husbandry on an extensive scale. Mr. Gilman is a Republican in political preference. He carries the burden of his years gracefully, and appears much younger than he is.

ELIPHALET CHASE BROWN, one of the leading citizens of Epping, was born in this town, July 11, 1833. A son of Benjamin and Lydia (Chase) Brown, both natives of Epping, he belongs to two of the oldest families of the locality. His paternal grandfather, Ezekiel Brown, a native of Epping, who was a Revolutionary soldier, died in 1816. Benjamin Brown, a son of Ezekiel, was also born in Epping, and resided there all his lifetime. He was a wholesale and retail merchant; and, with his teams delivering goods in all parts of the surrounding county, he was very well known in the district. A very busy man, he yet was always ready to help the general good, and found time to discharge the duties of Captain of a militia company. His death occurred in 1839, when he was in the prime of life; and his funeral was the largest ever seen in Epping. His wife was a daughter of Eliphalet Chase, of Epping, and was of the fourth generation of her family in the town, and of the sixth generation in the county. Her great-great-great-grandfather was a resident of Hampton, this county; her great-great-grandfather was a resident of Stratham, this county; and her great-grandfather, James Chase, resided in Epping. Her grandfather, Josiah Chase, was born in this town. She bore her husband two sons and three daughters. Of these Ezekiel Burley Brown died in 1862, while serving in the Union army. One daughter, Rebecca C., the wife of John G. Ordway, is living.

Eliphalet Chase Brown, familiarly addressed as Chase Brown, received his early education in the schools of Epping. Being rather delicate in health, he was not sent to work as early as was customary at that time. After he attained his majority, he engaged in farming, which he still pursues. He has dealt largely in real estate, and the land on which some of the leading factories of Epping are erected was sold by Mr. Brown. Though he

is now nearing his sixty-third milestone on life's journey, his good health gives promise of its prolongation for many years more.

In 1855 Mr. Brown was married to Mary, daughter of David H. and Annie (Webster) Safford, of Amesbury, Mass. Mrs. Brown was educated in Amesbury and Epping. She had three children, namely: George, the eldest, who had entered on a promising career as a merchant in Epping, but died at the age of twenty-four; Annie E., whose death occurred when she was but three and a half years old; and Frank W., who is now a student at Tilton Seminary. Mr. Brown is interested in politics, voting the Republican ticket, but not as an aspirant to office. His wife is a prominent member of the Relief Corps in Epping. Both attend the Congregational church. In their pretty home they preserve many heirlooms; and during the World's Exposition in Chicago fifteen pieces of their rare china, which has been in the family for two hundred and fifty years, were on exhibition.

EDRIC A. WADE, M.D., a highly skilled physician and surgeon of Salem Depot, N.H., is a native of Ballardvale, Mass., having been born May 18, 1851, a son of Asel M. and Marian O. (Noble) Wade. His father was a native of Rhode Island, and his mother of Maine. Concerning the early representatives of the family in this country, little is known save that they were of English descent. Asel M. Wade was for many years identified with the cotton and woollen manufacturing business, principally in Lawrence, Mass. He died in 1889.

The boyhood of Edric A. Wade was chiefly spent in Lawrence. He received his preliminary education in the common and high schools of that place, then for about two years attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. In 1876 he matriculated in the Medical School of Harvard University, from which he was graduated in June, 1879. Shortly after, in 1880, he opened an office here at Salem Depot, Rockingham County, and is now enjoying a successful and lucrative practice. Dr. Wade is a member of the Harvard Medical Association and of the New Hampshire State Medical Society. He belongs to the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers at Salem Depot, in which he holds the position of Medical Examiner. In politics he has always been a stanch Republican.

He married Miss Mary J. Scruton, daughter of Tobias Scruton, of New Hampshire; and three children have been born to them—Harold R., Ethel B., and Norman S. Dr. Wade is the possessor of one of the finest homes in this section.

EDWIN D. RAND, a resident of New Castle, was born in the town of Rye, this county, May 5, 1843, a son of David L. and Mary S. (Yeaton) Rand. He is a descendant of one of the earliest families to settle in this part of the Granite State. His paternal grandfather, John Rand, who lived and died in Rye, was a well-known farmer, and noted for his potato crops, which generally exceeded those of his neighbors both in quality and quantity. John Rand married Sidney Lang, a native of Lee, Strafford County.

David L. Rand, also a native of Rye, obtained his education in that town and at Phillips Exeter Academy. He subsequently learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until his death, which occurred when he was but thirty-two years of age. He married Miss Mary S. Yeaton, a daughter of Hopley and Lydia (Foye) Yeaton, respectively natives of New Castle and Rye. Three sons were born of their union; namely, Francis W., John A., and Edwin D. Francis W., who enlisted for service in the late war in the Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, died defending the Union. John A. is married, and now lives at Portsmouth, N.H.

Edwin D. Rand was educated in the district school, and afterward worked on the home farm until eighteen years of age. His patriotic ardor was then aroused by the call for volunteers to suppress the rebellion of the Slave States, and he enlisted in the Seventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was in active service until August, 1865, when he was mustered out, having been with his regiment three years and ten months. He was a

participant in eighteen pitched battles, besides several minor engagements; and by brave conduct on the field he won promotion from the rank of private to that of Corporal, Sergeant, Sergeant-major, and finally to that of Captain of his company, for which he received the commission on January 1, 1865, at Wilmington, N.C. After his return from the war he was employed in the Portsmouth navy yard for several years, for the greater part of the time in the capacity of foreman of the engineering department.

Captain Rand was married in 1872 to Miss Elizabeth T. C. White, a daughter of Albert H. and Frances (Yeaton) White, both lifelong residents of New Castle, and representatives of prominent pioneer families of this part of the county. Politically, the Captain has always been identified with the Republican party, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1872 for General U. S. Grant. Public-spirited to a high degree, he takes a lively interest in the welfare of his town. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for the past two years. He is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Wentworth Lodge, No. 22, of New Castle; and an esteemed Comrade of Storer Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic.

GEORGE A. PERKINS, formerly one of Portsmouth's esteemed citizens, was born August 3, 1842. He was a son of Elias Perkins, who was the father of ten children, all now deceased except Langdon M. Perkins. Mr. Perkins received his education in the common schools of Portsmouth, and remained beneath the parental roof-tree until twenty-two years of age. He then bought the business of one of his brothers, who had a substantial ice trade. This he carried on until 1867, after which he and his brother, Langdon M., under the firm name of the Portsmouth Ice Company, continued it for five years. At the end of that period, in 1873, the firm was dissolved, after which Mr. Perkins alone supplied ice to his numerous patrons until the time of his death, which occurred on January 8, 1889.

In his political relations Mr. Perkins was a consistent Democrat, and for two years he ably served the city as Alderman. He was a prominent member of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, and of Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, had filled all the chairs in each organization, and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge. A member of the Knights of Honor, he served as Dictator of the lodge, and as a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He was likewise an active member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, all the chairs of which he had occupied. He also belonged to the State Cavalry, in which he held the rank of Sergeant. In religion he was a working Christian, and a conscientious member of the Calvin Baptist Church, to which his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins, still belongs. He took an earnest interest in religious enterprises, and gave his encouragement and financial support to the Young Men's Christian Association when it was first organized. Naturally benevolent and generous, he gave liberal donations toward charitable purposes, and for some time supplied the Cottage Hospital and the Old Ladies' Home with ice, free of charge. He was temperate in every respect, pure and clean in thought and habit, both his public and private life being above reproach. Domestic in his tastes, he found his chief pleasure at the family fireside, where he hospitably welcomed his many friends, and where his influence is still felt.

Mr. Perkins was united in marriage, May 25, 1869, with Elizabeth A., daughter of Richard Rothwell, of Dover, N.H., where her ancestors lived for many years. Mrs. Perkins was educated at the Dover High School, remaining with her parents, who had a family of ten children, until her union with Mr. Perkins. She is a woman of many estimable qualities, and shared with her late husband the respect of the community.

JOSEPH P. SIMPSON, the well-known Supervisor of the town of Greenland, was born here, August 24, 1826, son of John and Comfort (Haines) Simpson. John Simpson, his grandfather, was born at sea, while his parents were coming hither from Ireland. John Simpson, Jr., the father of Joseph P., was also a native of Greenland.

He was a Democrat in politics, and prominent in town affairs, serving as Selectman and Town Treasurer. His wife, whose maiden name was Comfort Haines, a native of the same town, had several children; namely, Charles, Catherine, John A., Sarah P., Augustus, Mary, Nathaniel, Fila, Elizabeth, Joseph P., and Susan. Nathaniel, Joseph, and Susan are the only living members of this large family. The father died in October, 1862, in the eighty-first year of his age. His wife passed away in 1875, in her eighty-seventh year. The remains of both were interred in the Greenland Cemetery. They were highly respected members of the Congregationalist church.

Joseph P. Simpson was born upon the home farm, and there resided until 1865, when he moved to the farm he now owns and occupies. This estate contains seventy-five acres, which he utilizes for general farming. He has also worked at the carpenter's trade. He served three years in the militia, one as Captain and two as First Lieutenant. Mr. Simpson has been Selectman for four terms, and he has been Supervisor for the past sixteen consecutive years. He is an influential member of the Democratic party.

On May 13, 1868, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Frink, sister of J. S. H. Frink. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have one daughter and two sons, namely: Mary F., who is unmarried, and lives at home; John S., who is an electrician; and Joseph O., at present studying in Dartmouth College.

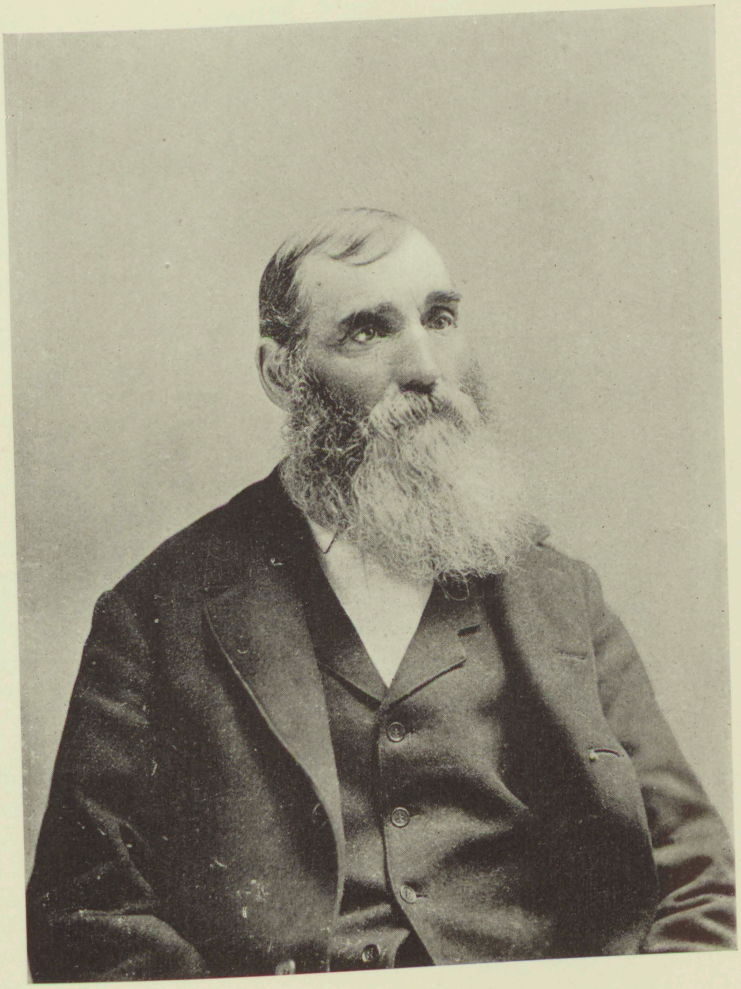
REV. EDWARD G. SMITH, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Epping, N.H., was born in Monmouth, Me., October 21, 1839. He is a son of Jacob G. and Jane (Tilton) Smith. His father, who is now an octogenarian, has been engaged in agriculture since his boyhood. He has been prominent in local affairs, serving on the Board of Selectmen sixteen years. Mrs. Smith passed to the world beyond in 1854.

The Rev. Edward G. Smith's boyhood was spent on his father's farm. He acquired his early education in private schools near his home, and attended Monmouth Academy, afterward teaching for four years in this institution and in neighboring schools. After being graduated from the seminary at Bangor, he was ordained in 1871, and installed as pastor of the church at Mattapoisett, Mass., which was under his charge about four years and a half. His next pastorate was at Essex, Mass., where he remained two years; and from there he went to North Leominster, Mass. Here he built a neat and substantial church; and, after four years and a half of conscientious and unremitting labor, he was placed in charge of the church at Sharon, which he remodelled and greatly improved. Mr. Smith was six years at Sharon, and was then called to Saugus, Mass., where he remained for a like period. In 1893 he assumed the duties of his present charge, and under his ministrations the congregation has steadily increased. Mr. Smith is a zealous and persistent worker, and endeavors to better his charges temporally as well as spiritually. He is an able preacher, filled with the enthusiasm which comes from a firm belief in the doctrines which he preaches.

Mr. Smith was married, May 30, 1871, to Miss Ella H. Greeley, a native of Levant, Me., and daughter of Jacob Greeley, of Salisbury, N.H., who was related to Horace Greeley. Mr. Smith has one son, Eugene Greeley Smith.

Though a pronounced Republican and an enthusiastic admirer of Thomas B. Reed, Mr. Smith is not active in politics. He is always ready to aid the cause of education, and served on the School Committee in Monmouth and on the School Board in Saugus during the greater part of his pastorate there. He belongs to the Masonic Order, and Mrs. Smith is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

JONATHAN A. LANE, one of Raymond's well-to-do farmers, was born upon the farm he now occupies, December 3, 1832, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Lane) Lane. The first representative of the family in America of whom there is any information was Andrew Lane, who became a resident of Hingham, Mass., about 1639.



JONATHAN A. LANE.

William Lane, who came from England in 1651, was the first to establish his residence in Raymond, having previously been a resident of Boston, Mass. William was twice married, and reared a family of seven children. Jonathan A. Lane is a direct descendant of Andrew Lane. Andrew's son, John Lane, who was born February 16, 1685, married Mary Libby, of Rye, and was lost at sea. John's son, David Lane, who was great-grandfather of Jonathan A., reared five children. Of these David Lane, Jr., a native and lifelong resident of Raymond, who was accidentally killed at the age of thirty-six years, married Mary Morris, and was the father of three children — Jonathan, Daniel, and David.

Jonathan Lane was born in Raymond. As his father died when he was but eight years old, he was obliged to look out for himself before reaching his teens. At the age of ten he managed his own affairs with a knowledge and judgment that would have done credit to a much older person. Having inherited the homestead farm, he conducted it successfully, and was besides largely interested in lumbering. In the latter business he was also able to make money by cutting and hauling the stumpage after felling the standing timber. He was one of the most enterprising business men of this section for many years. In the State militia he held the rank of Major, and was commonly addressed as Major Lane. He was a Whig in politics, and he served the town in the capacities of Tax Collector and Selectman for several years. By his death, which occurred in July, 1870, when he was seventy-one years old, the community lost one of its most useful and respected members. He married Betsey Lane, a native of Chester, N.H., who by him became the mother of eight children. Of these there are living: Olive, the wife of Richard Clough, of Raymond; Mary J., the wife of Isaiah Young, of Deerfield, this county; Julia, who married Tracy Clough, of Ashby; and Jonathan A., the subject of this sketch. Both parents attended the Congregational church, of which the father was an active member.

Jonathan A. Lane was educated in the common schools of this town and of Chester, Vt. Since he came into possession of the home farm he has carried on general husbandry upon a large scale, according to the most advanced methods. He keeps ten head of choice cattle, four horses, thirty sheep, and makes his own butter. The estate contains three hundred acres of land. Besides this he owns seventy-five acres located elsewhere.

On December 14, 1868, Mr. Lane wedded Helen Maria Moss, daughter of Hazen Moss, of Chester, N.H.; and he has a daughter, Mamie F., who is residing at home. In politics he is a Republican. He has served with ability as a member of the School Committee. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist, and has been a member of that church for some years. A portrait of Mr. Lane is presented with this sketch.

GEORGE BOSS, who is successfully engaged in business as a provision dealer in the city of Portsmouth, is a worthy representative of the German element of New England. He was born July 7, 1855, at Kirdoff-by-Hamburg, in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, a son of William Peter Boss, who was born in the same place. The father spent his life in the place of his nativity, being employed as a forester for a score of years. This appointment, which is bestowed for life by the town officials, gave him the jurisdiction of five thousand acres of woodland, in which he had to oversee the cutting of the timber and supervise the cultivation; for in some parts of the Fatherland portions of the forest have to be tilled. He died while still in the prime of manhood, being but forty-five years of age. He had married Margaret, daughter of John Werheim, of the same village; and, of their family of four sons and a daughter, the sons are all living.

George Boss acquired a high-school education in his native land, where he lived until fifteen years old. Coming then to America, he found employment in New York City, where he remained for three or four years. The first year he was a clerk in the Thompson Market, afterward occupying the same position in the Washington Market for eighteen months, and the next few months was employed by a Mr. Burke of the same city. In

1874 Mr. Boss came to Portsmouth, and for a little more than a year worked on the farm of Mr. John Elwize. Desirous of establishing himself permanently in some congenial occupation, he started his present business in 1876, and from a modest beginning has won an extensive and lucrative trade. He buys live stock, and does his own slaughtering. In the selection of beeves and other animals he is particular, and in the care of his meat gives his personal attention, having always a choice selection for his customers.

Mr. Boss was married December 2, 1882, to Minerva, daughter of Jonathan Varrel, of Rye, N.H.; and they are the parents of one child, a son named Victor G. In politics Mr. Boss is a stanch Democrat, and takes an intelligent interest in municipal affairs, having capably served two terms as a member of the Common Council. He belongs to Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, and religiously is a conscientious member of the Portsmouth Congregational church.

GEE PICKERING, an enterprising farmer and an ex-Representative of Newington, was born here, May 30, 1818, son of Thomas and Lydia (Low) Pickering. His grandfather was John C. Pickering. Thomas Pickering was also a native of Newington. He was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Low; and they had five children, namely: Thomas, who went to California in 1849, and died there in 1852; Richard, who died in 1860; Mary lives in the town of Newington, being now in her eightieth year; Gee, the subject of this sketch; and Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Joshua Pickering. The father was a Colonel in the War of 1812.

Gee Pickering, after receiving his education in the district school, went to Nantucket, Mass., and was there apprenticed to a carpenter. While here his remuneration was his board and forty dollars a year. He subsequently worked at the trade in that town, in Fall River, and in Boston. He spent twelve years in Boston, after which, in 1847, he came to Portsmouth, and remained there two years. In the spring of 1849, attracted by the news that gold had been found in California, he embarked on the steamer "Crescent City" at New York, and went to San Francisco by the Isthmus of Panama route. The journey lasted about two months, and among the passengers was Mrs. John C. Fremont. Mr. Pickering went prospecting to the mines for six weeks; then worked claims near San Francisco and San Diego, improving the time to the best of his ability until his return to the East in 1852. He then, in Boston, resumed work at his trade, which he followed for ten years. He again returned to Portsmouth for a short time. Going subsequently to Newington, he bought a farm, and lived upon it until 1877. In this year he moved to the farm which he now occupies. This property covers seventy acres. The other farm, containing forty acres, he still owns, and there carries on general farming. In politics he supports the Democratic party. He has acceptably filled the office of Town Clerk for two terms, and he also served in the capacity of legislative Representative.

On July 1, 1863, Mr. Pickering and Miss Sophia DeRochemont were united in marriage. They have one daughter, Helen, a graduate of the Portsmouth High School and Wellesley College, who is rising to distinction as a teacher in the Manchester High School.

WOODBURY SEAVEY, one of the oldest native residents of Rye, was born June 10, 1815, son of John L. and Sidney S. (Seavey) Seavey. His genealogy is traced back to William Seavey, one of the original settlers of this part of the county, who came from England in 1623. Locating on territory now embraced in Rye, then a dense wilderness, he made a clearing, erected a log house, and subsequently reclaimed a farm from the surrounding land. Here he reared his family and made his home for the remainder of his life. From his son, William, Jr., who was born in the log cabin, sprung the branch of the Seavey family to which Woodbury Seavey belongs. Amos Seavey, the next in line of descent, was a farmer, and spent his life in Rye. He cleared a portion of the land, and built the house now occupied by his great-grandson, Woodbury Seavey. Of the children

reared by him and his wife, their son William was the grandfather of Woodbury.

Grandfather Seavey, who was an industrious and thrifty farmer, served in the Revolutionary War, having been Lieutenant of a company stationed at Fort Constitution. He married Martha Trefethen, and of their nine children John L. was the youngest child. The grandfather was a man of prominence and influence in the community, which he faithfully served as Selectman for twenty consecutive years. John L. Seavey, also a native of Rye, followed the occupation of farmer. During the War of 1812, not having been drawn in either of two drafts, he then enlisted as a volunteer. His wife, Sidney, who was born in Rye, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Patten) Seavey, reared him six children. These were: Woodbury, William, Sidney L., Anne Elizabeth, John W., and Caroline B. William died in 1824. Anne E. married Albert Dow, of Rye; and they with their children have since passed away. Sidney L. married O. Jenness, of this town, and has become the mother of five children — John W., Rufus, Minerva, Annie, and Florence. John W. Seavey married Emily Seavey, and they died at about the same time. Caroline B. is the wife of William Mathes, and has one child, Willis.

Woodbury Seavey obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and a thorough knowledge of agriculture on the home farm. After having assisted his father on the homestead for many years, he removed to Portsmouth, where he was engaged in farming for some time. In November, 1888, Mr. Seavey returned to the homestead, and thereafter managed it successfully until a few months ago. The home of his childhood is the home of his old age. He is a stanch Republican in politics, having been identified with this party since its formation. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1836, for Martin Van Buren, the candidate of the Democrats of that time. He has served the town in the offices of Selectman, Treasurer, and Collector.

On February 21, 1839, Mr. Seavey married Martha A. Philbrick, daughter of Joseph and Martha B. (Knowles) Philbrick. Mrs. Seavey is of pioneer stock on both the paternal and maternal sides. Her father, a son of Jonathan Philbrick, was one of the many descendants, scattered throughout the country, of the Philbrick who came with Sir Richard Saltonstall to America, and located in Salem, Mass. Her mother was a daughter of Nathan Knowles, a representative of a New England family whose founder settled in Rye prior to the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Seavey have three children — Anginette, John L., and Sarah E. Anginette, who lives at Stratham, N.H., is the wife of Joseph G. Barnard, and has one son, Herbert S. John L., a resident of Greenland, this county, married Fanny N. Goodall, and is the father of three children — Sarah U., Helen L., and Gladys. Sarah E. married James L. Tarleton, and lives in Boston.

WILLIAM H. GLIDDEN, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Brentwood township, was born June 13, 1834, at Tuftonboro, Carroll County, son of William B. and Drusilla (Pendexter) Glidden. William B. Glidden was a native of this State, born October 3, 1810, in the town of Alton, Belknap County. He was bred to a farmer's life; and after some years spent in the place of his nativity he removed to Tuftonboro, where he continued at farming for a time. From there he went to Dover, where he remained until his death, January 10, 1842. He married Drusilla Pendexter, who was born in Dover, N.H. She survived him and was again married, becoming the wife of Ebenezer Morrison. She spent her last years in Tuftonboro, dying April 28, 1845. Of her union with Mr. Glidden two children were born — William H. and Nathaniel B. The latter was married successively to Hannah F. Hall and Emma Davis.

William H. Glidden was educated in the district schools. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was quite young, he made his home for six years with Eli Hurd, of Alton. He then worked for two years in the employ of Peter Stackpole, of Tuftonboro, after which he spent two years learning the shoemaker's trade in Dover. Thereafter he was employed in a cotton-mill until the breaking out of the late Civil War. In 1861 he enlisted in Troop F, First Battalion, New

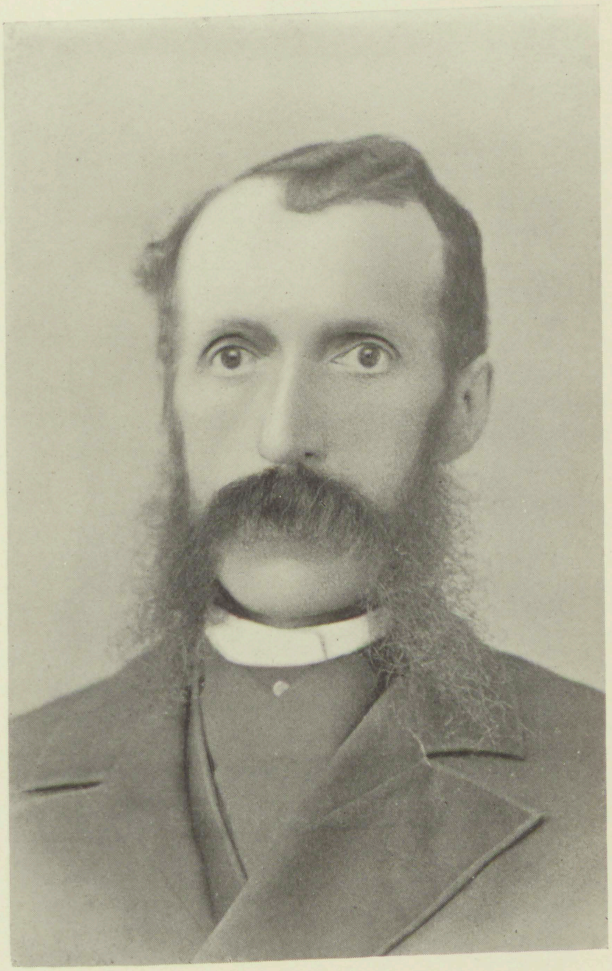
England Cavalry, under Captain John L. Thompson and Lieutenant Arnold Wyman. With his comrades he was sent South, the larger part of his time being spent on Virginia soil. While there he was an active participant in many of the more important engagements, and had some thrilling experiences. At one time his horse was shot from under him. He was discharged January 4, 1864, by reason of re-enlistment same date. At the expiration of his second term of enlistment he was finally discharged, being mustered out at Cloud's Mills, Va., July 15, 1865. For meritorious service he was promoted to the ranks of First Corporal and First Sergeant, and received the commission of Second Lieutenant with his discharge. Returning then to the Granite State, he continued his residence in Strafford County until November 5, 1865, when he went to Tuftonboro, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits for twelve years. Coming then to this county, he bought a farm in the town of Epping, where he lived for a year. His next removal brought him to Brentwood township, where in 1879 he purchased the estate then known as the Kimball farm. This has been his residence since. The property contains one hundred acres of land, which he has managed most successfully, adding valuable improvements, and placing much of it in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Glidden carries on various branches of agriculture, and is much interested in stock raising, besides keeping a small dairy, from which he sells milk.

On December 10, 1855, Mr. Glidden was married to Mary E. Hall, who was born December 15, 1828, in Strafford County. She is a daughter of John Hall, a farmer who spent his life in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Glidden have an adopted son, Frank S., who married Annie G. Miles, and now lives at Brentwood Corner. In politics Mr. Glidden is an active member of the Republican party. He has served acceptably as Selectman for three years, as Road Agent for two years, and for the past four years has been one of the Board of Supervisors. He is a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., of Epping; and of the Keenesboro Grange, No. 172, of Brentwood, in which he now holds the office of Master.

EDWIN J. GODFREY, an enterprising contract shoe manufacturer of Candia Village and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, September 8, 1839, son of Jason and Hannah (Dudley) Godfrey. The family descends from early pioneer ancestry. Mr. Godfrey's great-grandfather, Jonathan Godfrey, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War; and his grandfather, Nathan Godfrey, was a sturdy farmer of Hampton, N. H., who died in that town at an advanced age.

Jason Godfrey, son of Nathan, was a native of Hampton, and was there reared to farm life. He was an energetic and industrious man, whose active period was spent in tilling the soil and as a tanner. He died February 3, 1887, aged seventy-three years. He served as a Captain in the old State militia, acted with the Republican party in politics during the latter years of his life, and in his religious views was a Free Baptist. He married Hannah Dudley, who was born and reared in Brentwood, N. H., and she became the mother of eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Albert M., a resident of Candia; Mary S., wife of J. H. Foster, of this town; Alice M., wife of Frank Frisbee, of North Andover, Mass.; Samuel D., who occupies the old homestead; and Edwin J.

Edwin J. Godfrey, the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in the common and high schools of Candia; and after finishing his studies he was employed as a cutter for three years at Dudley's shoe factory in Candia. He subsequently followed shoemaking in Haverhill, Stoneham, and Lynn, Mass.; and in 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company B, Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, under Captain Simeon G. Griffin and Colonel Gilman Marston, of Exeter, for three years' service in the Civil War, and participated in the first battle at Bull Run. He contracted malaria, on account of which he was finally discharged from the army; and the disease so undermined his health as to prevent him from engaging in any laborious occupation. Upon his return from the service he resumed his connection with the shoe manufacturing business, carrying on a shop of his own in Candia, where he conducted a prosperous enterprise.



EDWIN J. GODFREY.

He is now producing misses' and children's spring-heeled shoes for Haverhill parties, turning out an average of twenty cases per week, which requires the services of seven hands.

On June 21, 1861, Mr. Godfrey was united in marriage with Harriet M. Dearborn, of East Candia, the ceremony occurring after his enlistment in the service, being performed by the Rev. E. M. Hidden at the Congregational church, in the presence of as many of his fellow-townsmen as could be accommodated within the edifice. Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey have had four children, two of whom are living, namely: Oscar M., who is now employed as book-keeper for the Davis & Furber Machine Company of North Andover; and Harry E., who is residing at home.

In politics Mr. Godfrey supports the Republican party. He has served as Town Clerk for one term, was Moderator for four years, and has refused other offices. He is a comrade of David B. Dudley Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was Commander for four years. In his religious views he is a Free Will Baptist.

EDWIN G. EASTMAN, of Exeter, the present Attorney General of New Hampshire, was born in Sullivan County, November 22, 1847, son of William H. and Paulina (Winter) Eastman. The family was founded by Roger Eastman, who came from England in 1642. Benjamin Eastman, a native of Concord, N.H., and a tanner by trade, was great-grandfather of Edwin C. Eastman. His son, Benjamin, Jr., who was born in Fryeburg, Oxford County, Me., in 1788, learned the trade of tanner, but subsequently became an itinerant Methodist preacher in Vermont and New Hampshire. He died in 1858, at the age of seventy years. His son, Charles G., a graduate of the University of Vermont and a man of decided literary ability, was the proprietor and publisher of the Montpelier (Vt.) *Argus*, and also an author of some note. Charles G. Eastman died in Montpelier in July, 1860. William H. Eastman, the father of Edwin G., and a native of Barnard, Vt., was born in December, 1815, son of Benjamin and Mary (Gamage) Eastman. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, but retired from the ministry, and resided for a time upon a farm in Grantham, Sullivan County. He married Paulina S. Winter; and they had one child, Edwin G. Mr. William H. Eastman, now an octogenarian, is a resident of Lisbon, N.H.

Edwin G. Eastman lived on the home farm until he was sent to Kimball Union Academy to be fitted for college. After being graduated from Dartmouth College in 1874, he read law with Judge Carpenter, now one of the judges of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in Bath. Soon after Mr. Eastman's admission to the bar he came to Exeter, this county, where he has been in practice ever since. For fourteen years he was associated with General Gilman Marston, under the firm name of Marston & Eastman. Since 1890 he has been a member of the firm of Eastman, Young & O'Neil. He is a Republican in politics, and has served one term in each chamber of the State legislature. Mr. Eastman was County Solicitor for four years, and in 1892 he became Attorney General. He is also a Director in the Exeter Banking Company and a Trustee of the Five Cents Savings Bank.

Mr. Eastman has been twice married. The first marriage was contracted March 14, 1877, with Elma E. Dodge, of Newport, N.H. She died in October, 1880, at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a daughter, Helen M., who is now a student in Robinson Seminary. Five years later, on March 16, 1885, Mr. Eastman entered a second marriage, contracted with Morgie Follansby, of Exeter. They have two children — Ella F. and Edwin Winter Eastman.

REV. HENRY EMERSON HOVEY, Rector of St. John's Church at Portsmouth, was born in Lowell, Mass., November 23, 1844. He prepared for college in the Lowell public schools, and entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1862, graduating near the head of his class in 1866. Thereupon he at once entered the General Theological Seminary in New York City, and was graduated from that institution in

1869, being ordained Deacon in the same year. Shortly after his graduation he went abroad, spending much of his time at Oxford, England. He passed the period of his diaconate as Rector of St. John's Church, Fort Hamilton, in New York Harbor. Shortly after his advancement to the priesthood, which took place in 1870, he was elected Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Fall River, Mass. He had charge of this large parish until 1872, when he accepted the rectorship of the then new and struggling parish of St. Barnabas, Brooklyn, N.Y. Here he remained ten years, declining all other offers. In 1883 he left St. Barnabas parish firmly established and a centre of power and influence in the Eighteenth Ward of that great city.

In 1880 Mr. Hovey took a vacation on the continent of Europe. In 1882 he was simultaneously offered the rectorship of the American Episcopal Church in Geneva, Switzerland, and that of St. John's and Christ Churches in Portsmouth. He chose the latter, and came here in February, 1883. His work here since is well known. In that time St. John's Church has been largely restored and beautified; St. John's Guild, now so fruitful in good works, has been organized; Christ Church has been placed in a position to maintain itself and to dispense with Mr. Hovey's services in all but the honorary capacity of Rector Emeritus; and the Cottage Hospital has been founded and partially endowed, Mr. Hovey being President of this corporation, as well as that of the Children's Home.

In 1884 the Rev. Mr. Hovey delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Portsmouth to the Greely party coming from the Arctic regions, and in 1885 the civic oration at the local commemoration of the death of General Grant. He was elected a Trustee of the Faith Home in this city in the last-mentioned year, a Trustee of St. Mary's Diocesan School at Concord in 1886, in 1887 a member of the Board of Instruction here, and in 1893 President of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

With the multifarious duties connected with these various offices, with the care of a large parish and the management of two Sunday-schools, with the calls made upon his time by the Cottage Hospital and the Children's Home — which institutions, though wholly unsectarian, naturally look to him for many of their services — and with a large amount of other work quite outside of his parochial relations, the Rev. Mr. Hovey is probably as busy a man for seven days of the week as there is in our community.

A man of wide reading, of strong convictions, and of generous sympathies, an accurate scholar, an admirable organizer, a stanch churchman, and an affectionate rector, the people of St. John's may well be proud to follow his leadership. As a preacher Mr. Hovey is unusually simple, direct, and logical. His sermons, graphic, tender, earnest, are entirely free from sensationalism; yet he holds the hearer's attention from the first word to the last. No doubt the hope expressed by many is the wish of the townspeople generally — that, so long as he lives, he may remain the incumbent of the venerable parish of St. John's. In 1871 Mr. Hovey was married to a remote cousin, Miss Sarah Louise Folsom, daughter of the late Charles J. Folsom, of New York City.

GILBERT P. HOYT, Treasurer of the town of Newington, was born there on February 6, 1826, son of Hanson and Olive (Coleman) Hoyt. William Hoyt was the grandfather of Gilbert P. Hanson, a son of William, followed farming throughout his adult years. A Democrat in politics, he was prominent in the affairs of town and State. He served the town as Selectman for fifteen or twenty years, and he was elected Representative to the State legislature five times. He married Olive, daughter of James and Nancy (Piper) Coleman. Their children were: Sarah, Gilbert P., Jackson, Charlotte F., an unnamed child that died in infancy, Joseph S., James W., and Thomas B. Sarah, the widow of Colonel Isaac Frink, resides in this town. The father died many years ago, and the mother in 1890. Their remains were interred in the village cemetery.

Gilbert P. Hoyt attended district school, remaining with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he began life for him-

self. For six years thereafter he was engaged in farming. At the age of twenty-five he went to Great Falls, Strafford County, where he was employed in foundries for seven years. Mr. Hoyt then moved to the farm now occupied by his brother, Thomas Benton. In the centennial year he went to Greenland as superintendent of the town farm, which position he held for four years. He was then called to the responsible superintendency of the farm of St. Paul's Episcopal School in Concord. At the end of five years he retired to this farm of seventy acres, where he has since carried on general farming. Mr. Hoyt is an active member of the grange. Beginning in 1865, he served as Representative for two years in the State legislature. He is at present Town Treasurer, which office he has held in all for about six years. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1861 Mr. Hoyt and Miss Elizabeth La Gro joined hands and hearts at the altar. She was a native of Rochester, N.H. They had two children, namely: Addie J., the wife of Charles Mitchell, of Dover, N.H.; and Chauncy B., who is a member of the firm of Hoyt & Dow of Portsmouth. After the mother's death the father married Mrs. Louisa (Norton) Fabyan.

Mr. Hoyt, who has a commendable amount of public spirit, has been ever ready to help all well-considered enterprises designed to serve the public.

DANIEL MACDONALD, the popular janitor of the Portsmouth High School, was born March 17, 1830, in Inverness, Scotland. He emigrated with his parents to Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, when he was seven years old. Nine years later, at the age of sixteen, he commenced a seafaring life on an English vessel in the merchant service. Landing at Boston some three months after, he has resided in the States ever since. For two seasons he was a Newburyport fisherman, after which he went to Seabrook, N.H., where he engaged in shoemaking for two years more. Going thence to the Isles of Shoals, he was employed as a boatman by the Hon. Thomas B. Leighton. On September 16, 1852, he came to Portsmouth, where he has been more or less engaged for thirty years in the calkers' gang of the merchant service, and also in the navy yard. Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1862, Mr. Macdonald served on the "Ossipee," "Agawam," and "Circassian." While aboard the "Agawam" on the St. James River, he shared in what is described as a "continuous engagement" for sixteen months, serving as first-class fireman. After he was discharged in April, 1865, he came home, and worked at intervals in the navy yard for a number of years. For over twelve years he was intrusted with the responsible position of bank watchman. He served on the police force from 1881 to 1885. He also served as watchman of the Portsmouth Shoe Factory for a number of months, at the end of which failing health compelled him to resign. On February 12, 1891, Mr. Macdonald was appointed janitor of the high school in this city, and has acceptably filled that position to the present time. In politics he is an Independent with a leaning to the Republican party.

In 1854 Mr. Macdonald was united in marriage to a daughter of John P. and Olive Marden, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald have had ten children, of whom a son and a daughter are living — Allen, the son, resides with his father; and the daughter, who is married, lives in this city. Mr. Macdonald is a member of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs to Strawberry Bank Encampment, having passed all the chairs. He has also affiliation with the Union Veterans' Union of Portsmouth. He attends the St. John's Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member. His faithful discharge of his duties in the various responsible posts he has held has well earned the confidence placed in him.

JESSE P. MARSHALL, a retired carriage manufacturer of Kingston, now living on his home farm, was born in this town, May 19, 1829, son of James and Mary (Dudley) Marshall. Mr. Marshall's paternal grandparents, James and Lydia (Eaton) Marshall, removed from the vicinity of Boston, Mass., to Landaff, Grafton County,

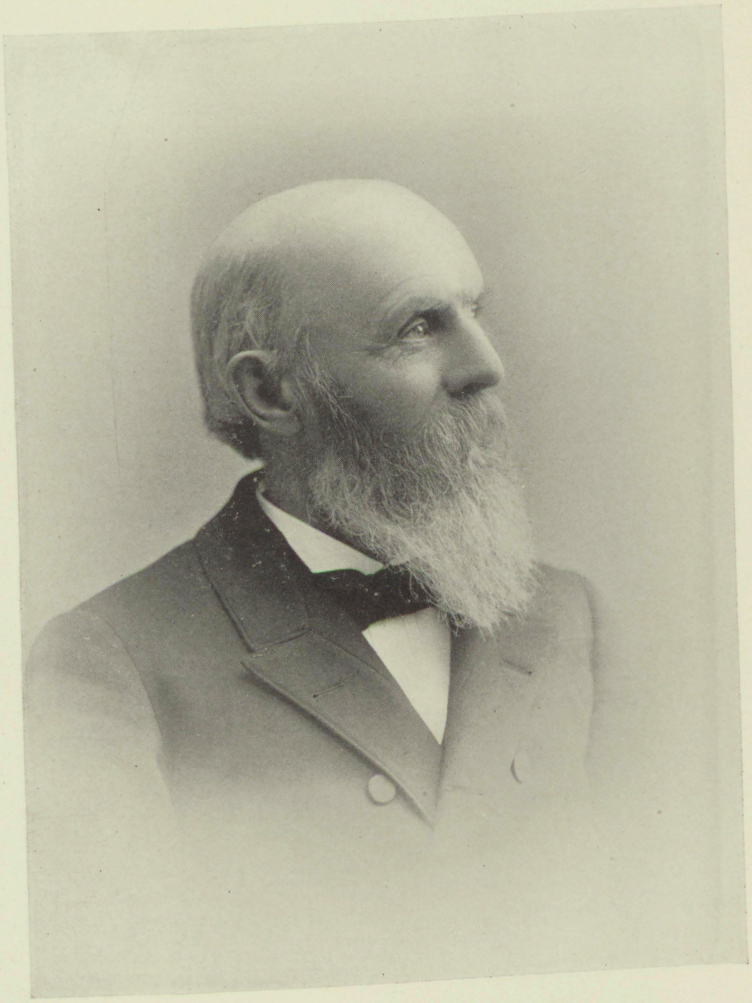
N.H., at an early period of its settlement, and there reared their family and spent their remaining days.

James Marshall was but a boy when he came to Rockingham County in search of employment. An industrious and ambitious lad, with an aptitude for mechanical work, he learned the trades of blacksmith and carriage-maker. When a young man he established himself in the latter business, and was thereafter successfully engaged in it until his death, April 7, 1858. His wife, who was born in Brentwood, this county, died in Kingston, November 30, 1874, having survived her husband many years. They had six children, as follows: Moses F., deceased, born June 27, 1813, who married Susan Bartlett, also deceased; James F., born October 18, 1815, who married Mary M. George, both now deceased; Samuel C., born May 20, 1818, now living in the village of Kingston, who married Adeline Hurd; John P., born August 11, 1823, who married the late Caroline E. Clement, of Claremont, N.H., and has been a professor in Tufts College, Medford, Mass., since it was founded; Mary S., born September 18, 1825, who died July 26, 1826; and Jesse P., the subject of this sketch.

Jesse P. Marshall attended an academy until nineteen years of age. He took up the carriage-maker's trade, and also engaged in farming. He continued engaged in the manufacture of carriages for many years. While in the carriage business he travelled through various parts of the country as salesman, retaining many of his father's customers for more than forty years. In 1890 he retired from business, and is now living on his pleasant farm. The estate contains one hundred and forty acres of land. Most of the important improvements, which have made it one of the most valuable properties in this vicinity, were made by Mr. Marshall. During the late war he was drafted for service in the army, but was rejected as a soldier. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He is deeply interested in educational matters. He has served on the School Committee, was for several years a Trustee of Kingston Academy, and is now a Trustee of the Sanborn Seminary. Although never an active politician, he represented Kingston in the State legislature of 1864-65.

Mr. Marshall was married December 26, 1858, to Miss Sarah Frances Nichols, a native of this town, born November 7, 1837. Mrs. Marshall's father, Oliver P. Nichols, was a lifelong resident of Kingston; while his wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Robinson, was born and reared in the town of Brentwood. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall became the parents of three children, namely: Carrie Frances, born April 21, 1860; Nellie Perry, born August 18, 1861; and Mary Florence, who was born May 13, 1863, and died September 10, 1865. The mother passed away October 25, 1885. Since then Mr. Marshall's daughters have had charge of the household affairs.

JOSEPH L. ELKINS, M.D., the oldest practising physician in New Market, N.H., was born in this town, November 19, 1834, son of Deacon Joseph and Lucy (Low) Elkins. Deacon Joseph Elkins, who was a native of Gilmanton, N.H., born March 27, 1797, was a brick and stone mason by trade, a first-class workman, ambitious and enterprising, who in the latter part of his life was very successful as a contractor and builder. He settled in New Market in 1826, and he was employed for many years by the New Market Manufacturing Company. Many of the buildings in this town were erected by him, and in Salmon Falls also there are standing to-day many samples of his handiwork. In politics he took an active interest, casting his maiden vote with the Whigs, supporting the Free Soil party during its existence, and voting last with the Republicans. He was Deacon of the Congregational church in New Market for a number of years. He died in this town, March 16, 1860, sixty-three years of age. Deacon Elkins was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Low, born June 30, 1795, he had three children, one of whom, Mary, died as she was entering her teens. The others are living, namely: Mrs. Rebecca Tapley, in Marlboro, Mass.; and Mrs. Lucy J. Staples, in Dedham, Mass. His second wife, Lucy Low, born August 15, 1793, lived to be seventy-four years of age, passing away in 1867.



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Joseph L. Elkins, who was her only child, received his early schooling in New Market, subsequently attending Phillips Exeter Academy. He entered Dartmouth College in 1853 as a member of the Sophomore Class, and was graduated in the class of 1856. To qualify himself for his profession he took up the study of medicine with Dr. William Folsom, of New Market, and later took a course in the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, graduating in 1859; and the following winter he attended a course of lectures at the Harvard Medical School. July 1, 1860, he opened an office in New Market, where he has now been in active practice thirty-six years. Entering on his professional work with an enthusiasm born of love for his chosen vocation and a strength gained from a thorough technical training, Dr. Elkins soon built up a large practice; and he holds his own to-day among the younger physicians. He is gifted with considerable ability as a business man, and has been very successful in financial matters.

June 4, 1863, he was united in marriage with Francena Dearborn, of New Market, daughter of George and Martha (Garland) Dearborn. Mrs. Elkins was born March 12, 1840. Dr. and Mrs. Elkins had one son, George A., who was born September 12, 1868, and died September 28, 1871. They now have a boy living with them, William G. Rich.

Dr. Elkins votes the Democratic ticket. He is actively interested in town affairs, is often called upon to preside as Moderator at the town meetings, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace several terms. In educational matters especially he is a moving spirit, and at present he is Superintendent of the School Board. Dr. and Mrs. Elkins are prominent members of the Congregational church.

WALLACE P. MACK, an extensive fruit grower of Londonderry, N.H., and a manufacturer of evaporated apple, was born in this town, November 7, 1863, son of Andrew W. and Frances A. (Preston) Mack. Representatives of the Mack family have resided in Londonderry for over one hundred and fifty years; and its original founder in America was John Mack, a native of the North of Ireland, of Scottish ancestry, who, with his wife, Isabella Brown, emigrated in 1732, and became one of the early settlers here. Andrew, son of John, and Robert son of Andrew, Mr. Mack's great-grandfather and grandfather, respectively, were natives and lifelong residents of Londonderry, and were prominent among the stirring men and successful agriculturists of their day. Andrew Mack married Elizabeth Clark, daughter of Robert Clark, who came to Londonderry about 1725.

Robert Mack was for upward of half a century a Justice of the Peace in this town. He also served as a Selectman and as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He was one of the original projectors of what was known as the Mammoth Road, built in 1831, which was for many years the stage thoroughfare between Concord, N.H., and the cities of Lowell and Boston, Mass.; and he was one of the original Directors of the Manchester & Lawrence Railroad. For many years he occupied a leading position in the business enterprise and political affairs of Londonderry, and he lived to be eighty-six years old.

Andrew W. Mack, son of Robert and Ann (Clark) Mack and brother of the late Robert Clark Mack, the historian, was born in Londonderry, and became one of the prosperous residents and conspicuous public men of his day. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, was Town Clerk, and represented this district in the legislature, having been originally a Whig, but later supporting the Republican party. He was a member of the Presbyterian church here, and continued active in its affairs until his death, which took place in 1877. His wife, who was before marriage Frances A. Preston, was born in Danvers, Mass., in 1830. Of her children two are living, namely: Wallace P., the subject of this sketch; and Anne B., who resides in this town. Mr. Mack's mother still survives, and is residing in Londonderry.

Wallace P. Mack was educated in the common schools of Londonderry and at Pinkerton Academy. He conducts general farming with

energy and success, having a very desirable piece of property; and his well-tilled fields and pleasantly located residence constitute one of the handsomest and most inviting appearing homesteads in this town. He makes a specialty of raising small fruits, and is likewise engaged in the manufacturing of evaporated apple, a business which has proved exceedingly prosperous. He now has the largest evaporating plant in the State.

Mr. Wallace P. Mack and his wife, Mrs. Harriet L. Pillsbury Mack, daughter of Colonel W. S. Pillsbury, are the parents of three children — Lillian W., Lavinia P., and Andrew R.

In local public affairs Mr. Mack takes an active interest, and for a number of years has served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He is highly esteemed as a liberal, public-spirited citizen, who occupies a prominent social position, is connected with the Knights of Pythias of this town, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

TRUE W. PRIEST, a well-known citizen of Portsmouth, was born in Nottingham, this county, October 19, 1835, son of Thomas J. and Harriett (True) Priest. The father, who was also born in the town, resided there all his lifetime, engaged in farming, and died at the age of forty-two years. He served the town for a time as Selectman, and was prominently connected with the Baptist denomination. He married Harriett True, a daughter of Nathaniel True, of Chichester, N.H.; and they had seven children, six girls and one boy.

True W. Priest, the eldest child of his parents, obtained his education by attending the common school and subsequently private schools. He afterward spent three years learning the machinist's trade at the Amoskeag machine shop in Manchester, N.H. He was then employed by the New Jersey Central Railroad as locomotive engineer upon a train running from Elizabethport, N.J., to Easton, Pa. In 1861 he enlisted in the United States Navy at Portsmouth, and served in the engineer's department for three years. He was on the "Kearsarge" during the engagement with the "Alabama," having charge of the fire and the hot water hose. From 1864 to 1868 he was occupied in the navy yard. After leaving the service he worked as engineer and machinist. He was then employed by the Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad Company as foreman of the shops at the Vermont end of the road, and served in that capacity for eight years. In 1876 Mr. Priest returned to Portsmouth, and opened a saloon, which he has since successfully conducted. In politics he is a Democrat. He has been a Councilman for one year and Alderman, representing Ward 2, for two years. Mr. Priest has membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, Red Men; Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he is Past Master; Storer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he is serving for the second term; Kearsarge Veterans, serving for the second time as Captain; Portsmouth Lodge, No. 97, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and in the Knights of Honor.

On January 2, 1866, Mr. Priest was united in marriage to Elizabeth H. Wendell, of Portsmouth. They have two promising children — H. Gertrude and Oliver W. The daughter is attending the Cowles Art School in Boston, and has shown considerable ability, painting in water colors and oil, and modelling in clay. The son is attending Smith's Academy in Portsmouth.

DAVID S. CLARK, M.D., a skilful physician and surgeon and prominent citizen of the town of Derry, N.H., was born in August, 1824, in Limington, York County, Me., son of Nathaniel and Mary (Small) Clark, both natives of the same county.

Nathaniel Clark was the son of Ebenezer Clark, who spent his entire life in York County, Maine, and was an active participator in the pioneer work of building up and improving the county, his father having been one of the original settlers of that locality.

Nathaniel Clark, the Doctor's father, was a practical and progressive agriculturist and one of the best-known and most influential citizens of his day. For sixteen consecutive years he represented the town of Limington in the State legislature, was State Senator for a time, served most acceptably as a member of the Governor's Council, was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Limington for a long period, being Chairman of the Board for twenty years, and for a large part of his life served as Justice of the Peace. His death in 1849 closed a life of remarkable activity and usefulness, and was a cause of universal regret to his wide circle of warm friends and acquaintances. Of his children three are now living, as follows: Dr. David S. Clark; Abbie, widow of the late Judge Lord, of La Crosse, Wis.; and Statira Staples, widow of the late George W. Lakin, for many years a prominent attorney of Milwaukee, Wis.

When about eleven years of age David S. Clark removed with his parents to Danville, Me., where he lived for a number of years. After leaving the district schools he continued his studies at the Lewiston Falls Academy; and he was then engaged in teaching during the winter terms for several seasons, being employed in various towns in that part of his native State. In this way he accumulated sufficient money to pay his expenses while preparing himself for the medical profession. While teaching he began to read medicine with Dr. Charles Millett, of Lewiston Falls, Me.; and he continued to study with him three years, in the mean time attending lectures at the Castleton Medical College, where he obtained his degree of M.D. in 1854. The following winter Dr. Clark spent in New York City, where he devoted himself closely to the study of his chosen profession, attending the old College of Physicians and Surgeons, the old University of New York, and the New York Medical College, three noted institutions, and in addition took a special course in clinics. During the late Civil War the Doctor was commissioned as Assistant Surgeon of the Fifty-ninth Maine Volunteer Infantry, and for a number of months was with the Army of the Potomac, being with General Grant at the siege of Petersburg. In 1864 Dr. Clark located in Derry, this county, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. During his thirty and more years of residence in this town he has won in an eminent degree the confidence of the people of the community, both professionally and socially, and is held in high regard by all. He is a valued member of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

Dr. Clark was married in 1855 to Miss Mary Latham, who has borne him six children, namely: Walter Stanton; Carrie, wife of Edward Pettee, of New York City; Mabel; Howard, a resident of Haverhill, Mass.; Herbert G., of Hartford, Conn.; and Sylvia, who lives with her parents.

HERBERT BEANE DOW, a popular dealer in stationery, picture frames, and musical instruments, member of the well-known firm of Hoyt & Dow, of Portsmouth, was born in Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., on March 30, 1865. His parents were Isaac and Abby W. (Beane) Dow. The Dows are an old family in Newington, and Herbert B. is a descendant in the eighth generation of the Pickerings, who were prominently associated with the early history of the colony. Isaac Dow has been a contractor and builder in Newington and Portsmouth for some years. He has been employed by the government in the Portsmouth navy yard, and also in other places, but is now, in his seventy-first year, living the life of a retired gentleman in Newington. In politics he is a Republican, has served the town as Selectman, and has also been a Representative to the State legislature. His wife was a daughter of Ruel Beane, of Milton, Mass. They had two children, the youngest of whom, Greenleaf Clough, died at the age of five years.

Herbert B. Dow was graduated from the Portsmouth High School in the class of 1884. On leaving school he found employment as clerk with DeMerritt & Burnham, lumber dealers, having yards in Dover and Durham, where young Herbert had general charge of their business. In 1888 he resigned that position in favor of his present partnership.

Like his worthy father, he is a Republican in politics, and, as he says, a strong one, probably because it is not in the Dow constitution to yield half-allegiance to any cause. He is at present (1896) a member of the Board of Registration, having been appointed by the State legislature. In 1895 he was a member of the Common Council from Ward 2. He is an active politician, taking a great interest in party issues. He is a member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, and also Lucullus Division, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. In the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, where he has held the principal chair, he is Past Exalted Ruler, and is at present officiating as Treasurer. Mr. Dow is an Episcopalian in religion, being a member of Christ Church, of Portsmouth, and has been Vestryman for a number of years.

DANIEL M. BOYD, an honored and respected citizen of Londonderry, born here, April 23, 1856, is a son of Mason and Mary (Dodge) Boyd. His father, who is no longer living, was a native of Londonderry, and his mother, of Eden, Vt. William Boyd, grandfather of Daniel M., was the son of an early settler of the town, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. His son Mason was educated in the district schools of Londonderry, and, although unable to pursue his studies beyond the common branches, subsequently by an intelligent course of reading kept himself well informed on the general topics of the day. In politics he was a Republican and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church. He served as Appraiser of Property, and for two terms represented the town of Londonderry in the State legislature. He was one of the prime movers in securing the erection of the soldiers' monument in this town, a work reflecting great credit on all who were interested in promoting it. He was a stirring, energetic man, and acquired a valuable estate; and by his death in September, 1890, Londonderry lost one of her best and truest citizens. His widow, Mary Dodge Boyd, now in her sixty-fifth year, is living on the old homestead. She is identified with the Presbyterian church. Five of their children are living, namely: Martha J.; Abbie E., wife of Frank Crowell; Maria W.; Emma D., wife of Frederick Young; and Daniel M. Another child, George H., has passed away.

Daniel M. Boyd, the youngest surviving child, grew to manhood in Londonderry, and received his education in the public schools of this town. He married Miss Hattie Mullins, a daughter of Simon Mullins, of Londonderry. In the spring of 1896 he was elected Road Agent for Londonderry. Both he and his wife are members of the Londonderry Grange, and are well known and highly esteemed in this locality. In politics Mr. Boyd is a Republican.

EPHRAIM A. WILEY, a much respected citizen and prosperous agriculturist of Londonderry, is a native of Lynnfield, Mass., born December 20, 1817, a son of Samuel and Lucy (Tapley) Wiley, both parents being natives of Massachusetts. Left fatherless at five years of age, Ephraim A. Wiley came to Londonderry to live with his uncle, Ephraim Avery, and remained with him until about sixteen years of age, receiving his education in the public schools of the town. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for a number of years, being employed by different firms successively. Since then he has been engaged in farming; and his homestead consists of two hundred acres of fine farming land, a large proportion of which is under good cultivation and yielding profitable returns. On September 16, 1841, Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Nancy A. Blood, by whom he has been the father of seven children, those now living being: Charles and George B., residents of Haverhill, Mass.; and Martha E., the wife of John P. Hardy, of Derry Depot, N.H. On September 16, 1891, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley fittingly celebrated their golden wedding at the homestead. A year and a half later, on February 29, 1893, the devoted wife, who had been the husband's helpmate and counsellor for over half a century, was called to the home beyond, leaving behind her a wealth of love and affection and many friends to mourn her loss. Mr. Wiley is a notable example of the



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self-made man, successful and public-spirited, and enjoying the respect and confidence of all who know him.

GEORGE H. GUPTILL, M.D., a rising physician and surgeon of Raymond, was born September 5, 1864, son of Albert W. and Addie J. (Roberts) Guptill, of Berwick, Me. The family is of English origin. Moses Guptill, the paternal grandfather of George H., was a farmer of Berwick. He married Mary Goodrich, and had six children, of whom the only survivor is Albert W. The maternal grandfather, George Roberts, a native of North Berwick, Me., who was a painter by trade, married Miss Susan J. Cotton, of Laconia, Belknap County, and became the father of an only daughter, Addie J. In politics he was a Whig. Seven years of his life were passed in Minnesota, where he filled a number of public offices. He served three years in the Civil War with the Seventh Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers. He took part in a number of engagements, and was taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville and Libby Prisons. He died in January, 1892, sixty-nine years of age.

Albert W. Guptill, who resides in Berwick, Me., his native town, is there engaged in farming, which calling he has followed since early manhood. He and his wife, Addie J., are the parents of five children, all living, namely: George H., Ernest L., and Oscar L., all of Portsmouth, N.H.; Florence M., the wife of Arthur Hall; and Susie, who is still attending school. The father is a Democrat in politics and an Adventist in religion.

George H. Guptill, M.D., received his preliminary education in the common schools, Sullivan High School, and Berwick Academy. He subsequently entered the Maine Medical School; and, pursuing his studies with zeal and industry, he was graduated in the class of 1888. That same year he settled in Raymond, opened an office, and has been in active practice here since. Some time ago he erected a modern residence. He is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, an associate physician of the Eliot Hospital at Manchester. He has also membership in Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; in the United Order of the Golden Cross, Pawtuckang Lodge, No. 437, of which he is a Past Commander; in the Patrons of Husbandry; and in Lamprey Lodge, No. 40, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor. His political principles are Democratic, and he has served three years on the School Board.

Dr. Guptill has been twice married. His first wife, Nellie M. (True) Guptill, a daughter of F. B. True, of Raymond, died May 29, 1892, leaving a son — Bernard Bailey, born June 30, 1891. Dr. Guptill was married to his present wife, Lizzie C. (True) Guptill, daughter of Frank and Ellen (Poore) True, on February 12, 1896.

REV. JOHN CANNING, pastor of St. Michael's Catholic Church of Exeter, N.H., was born in Hamilton, Scotland, son of John and Mary (Hamilton) Canning. His father, John Canning, a man of means and leisure, was a lifelong resident of Hamilton, living to the age of fourscore years and five. John Canning's wife died in her native land at the age of seventy-three. They reared four of six children, two sons and two daughters. The daughters, Mary and Margaret, are living with their brother, Father Canning; the son, Hugh, who is a civil engineer, resides in New York City, is married, and has a family of seven sons.

Father Canning attended Blair's College at Aberdeen, Scotland, studied at Boulogne-sur-Mer, France, and was a student at the Scots' College, Rome, in 1861–62. His first parish was at Alexandria, Renfrewshire, Scotland, and the next in Stranraer, Wigtonshire. Coming to this country in 1878, he went to Portland, Me., and was placed in charge of the Machias Church. Four years later he was made pastor of St. Michael's, Exeter, which has now been under his wise direction fourteen years. His immediate predecessor was Father Power, who followed Father Lucey. The latter, who was a man of frail constitution but energetic spirit, a zealous and conscientious worker for the advancement of his church, built besides St. Michael's Catholic Church at

Lewiston, Me., that of Salmon Falls, N.H., that of Great Falls, now Somersworth, and another. He died at Exeter. The church of St. Michael, which was erected some twenty years ago, is a modest brick structure of Gothic architecture, with the richest of stained glass windows, bearing ornamental and historic subjects. The interior finish is rich and harmonious, and the statuary is in keeping with the whole. Father Canning has under his spiritual direction in Exeter and Newfield a thousand souls. He is a strong man mentally and physically, and has won the love and esteem of his parishioners and of many others outside his special charge. A profound scholar, his mind is stored with treasures of old-world lore. His reminiscences of his student days in the quaint old French seaport and the Eternal City are linked with historic associations connecting the present day with long-past ages.

SAMUEL S. GOVE, a respected citizen and practical agriculturist of Nottingham, born here on October 25, 1837, son of Jonathan and Lydia (Norris) Gove, traces his ancestry through seven generations back to the early Colonial days in New England. John Gove, born in old England, paid rent to the Crown in London in the years 1646 and 1647, and shortly after emigrated to America and settled in Cambridge, Mass. He had married some years before, and it is probable that he was accompanied on his journey across the Atlantic by his wife and children. He died in Cambridge on April 28, 1679. Another John Gove was an early settler in Charlestown, Mass. His will, made in 1647–48, mentions two sons, John and Edward. (See Wyman's Genealogies of Charlestown.)

Edward Gove, born in England, son of John (of Cambridge or Charlestown), was married, about the year 1660, to Miss Hannah Titcomb. In 1661 Edward Gove and his wife were residents of Salisbury, Mass.; and five years later they had established a home in Hampton, N.H., where the remaining years of their lives were passed. He died on July 29, 1691. They were the parents of a large family of children, seven of whom lived to maturity and were married; namely, John, Hannah, Abigail, Mary, Ebenezer, Sarah, and Ann.

John Gove, eldest son of Edward, and the next lineal descendant in this branch of the family, was born in Hampton in 1661. He and his wife Sarah had five children; namely, Mary, John, Hannah, Jonathan, and Sarah. Jonathan Gove, son of John and Sarah Gove, was born in Hampton, N.H., on May 2, 1695. He married first, in 1720, Miss Mary Lancaster; second, in 1730, Hannah Wirthen. His children by his first wife were: Lydia, John, and Mary; and by his second wife: Hannah; Nathan; Della; Hannah, second; Sarah; Jonathan, Jr.; Michael; Samuel; Richard; Elijah; and Ann.

Two of his sons — namely, Jonathan Gove, Jr., whose birth occured in Seabrook, N.H., on July 16, 1742, and Samuel — were the first of the family to settle in Nottingham. They came hither in 1765, and took up a large tract of wild land, which they cleared and converted into a goodly farm. Jonathan Gove, Jr., engaged in farming until his death on May 29, 1832. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Swett, and his second wife Ruth Philbrick. There were three daughters — Jane, Hannah, and Sarah — by the first union, and seven sons and six daughters by the second, namely: Jonathan; Elijah; Elias; Olive; Mary; Samuel; Olive, second; Nancy; Bradbury; Eleanor; Dolly; Caleb P.; and Sherburn.

Samuel Gove, the fourth son of Jonathan, Jr., was born in Nottingham, February 18, 1780. He became a sturdy, hard-working farmer, and was highly respected by his townsmen. In politics he was a Whig, and took a deep interest in the welfare of the community in which he lived. He served one term as Selectman. He married Miss Sally Norris, a daughter of Daniel Norris, of Raymond, N.H., and settled on the old homestead in Nottingham. But two of their children lived to maturity. He died at the age of seventy-two, and his wife at seventy-nine. They were Congregationalists in religious belief.

Jonathan Gove, third, their eldest child, was born in Nottingham on October 3, 1809.

He remained with his parents, and after their death continued to carry on the old Gove farm, proving himself a practical farmer, and commanding the confidence of his townsmen, who showed their appreciation of his ability by conferring upon him some of their highest official honors. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen four years, served as Moderator at town meetings for many years, and in 1847 and 1848 was sent as a Representative to the lower house of the State legislature. He was married four times, but had no children by his second and fourth wives. By his first wife, Lydia Norris Gove, a daughter of Joshua Norris, of Centre Harbor, N.H., there was but one child, Samuel S., that grew to maturity. Mrs. Lydia N. Gove died on July 8, 1853; and he married for his second wife Miss Cena Tucker, of Loudon, Merrimack County, N.H. By his third wife, Mercy E. Holman before marriage, a native of Nottingham, he had one son — Frank W. Gove, born in 1868. The father died on January 30, 1882, survived by his fourth wife, Abby Osgood Gove, who was born in Raymond, and who died in February, 1896.

Samuel S. Gove, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, acquired his education in the schools of Nottingham and in Chester, N.H. He then went to work in a store in Epping, N.H., and later in Nashua, returning from the latter place to the old homestead, where he has since successfully carried on general farming. He has about seventy-five acres of land, about one-half of which is under cultivation. In political affiliation Mr. Gove is a Democrat. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

On March 24, 1860, Mr. Gove was married to Miss Sarah E. Fogg, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Morrell) Fogg, of North Berwick, Me. They have had three children, of whom but one survives. Charles W., born November 30, 1861, died in Florida on November 9, 1886, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Emma A. Fifield, of Manchester, N.H., but no children. Carrie M. Gove, born August 29, 1864, died December 30, 1884. Fred L. Gove, the surviving son, born December 14, 1870, was married in 1892 to Miss Leona B. Jennings, a daughter of George N. and Mary E. (Dwinnell) Jennings, of Haverhill, Mass., and has two children — Marion C., born April 7, 1893, and Charles W., born August 31, 1894.

WALTER S. CLEMENT, a well-known and prosperous farmer and milk dealer, and a representative citizen of Derry, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Salisbury, Merrimack County, N.H., January 20, 1852, being a son of Jonathan H. and Nancy M. (Smith) Clement.

Jonathan Clement, whose birthplace was New London, N.H., enjoyed in his youth excellent educational advantages; and for several years in his early manhood he engaged in school teaching. He subsequently for a quarter of a century conducted a general mercantile business at Salisbury, N.H.; and there he also engaged in the wool industry and in the manufacture of shoes. The first-mentioned occupation he later continued for several years likewise at Concord, N.H. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Nancy M. Smith, a native of Unity, Sullivan County, N.H. Of the children who sprang from that union, only the three following survive; namely, Frances H., Walter S., and Nellie M. In politics Mr. Jonathan Clement was a member of the Republican party, the principles represented by which he vigorously supported and advocated. The learning which he acquired and rendered profitable mainly through his own ambition, energy, and application, made him an intelligent man, his memory being exceptionally well-trained and retentive. Mr. Clement passed away in January, 1893, and his wife in April of the same year.

Walter S. Clement spent his boyhood and youth in his native county of Merrimack, and in his twentieth year removed with his parents to the town of Derry. Fortunate beyond the average country lad in his educational privileges, he learned his first lessons in the public schools of Merrimack County, was next enrolled as a student at Pembroke Academy, and later at Penacook Academy; and subsequently he pursued a course of study at the Manchester Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1871. For a short time thereafter he

engaged in school teaching; and in 1879 he settled on his present estate, where he has been successfully occupied in general husbandry. On his farm, which comprises one hundred and forty acres, he raises the usual crops grown on a new England farm, and also conducts a milk business.

On September 24, 1879, Mr. Clement was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Langmaid, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Langmaid, of Chichester, N.H. Into their home have come five children; namely, Rufus W., James H., Clarence E., Ray A., and Helen E.

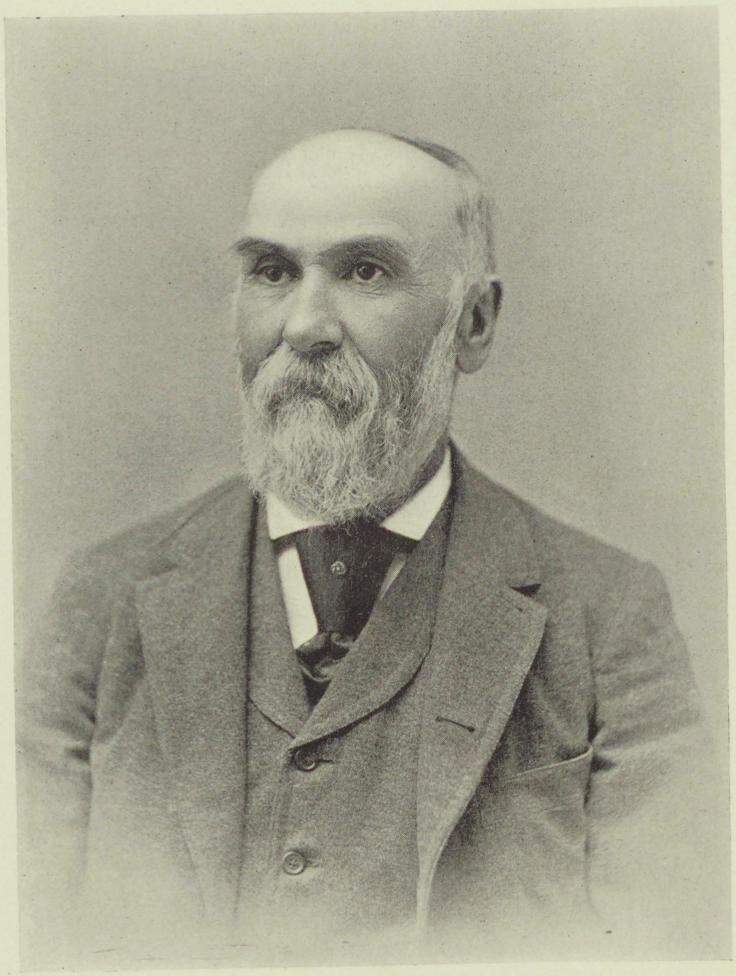
Mr. Clement participates very actively in local affairs, both civic and social, and he is now serving his fellow-citizens in the responsible capacity of Chairman of the School Board. He is public-spirited, and is an earnest and vigorous advocate of any object that by judicious means seeks the promotion of the general welfare, the development of the material resources of the town, and the elevation and improvement of society. In national politics Mr. Clement is identified with the Republican party; and religiously he is affiliated with the First Church of East Derry, in which he fills the honored position of Deacon, a capacity in which he has served for a number of years. He is a well-known citizen, and lives in the trust and esteem of all those who are included in the circle of his acquaintance.

WILLIAM H. CROWELL, Town Clerk of Londonderry, N.H., was born in this town, December 11, 1844, son of Samuel and Hannah (Eastman) Crowell. Samuel Crowell, who was a native of Marblehead, Mass., came with his parents to Londonderry when a boy, and was reared and educated in this town. He was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits, residing on the farm now occupied by his son, and some times in winter worked at shoemaking. In politics he followed the march of progress, and was in turn a Whig, a Free Soiler, and a Republican. He died in Londonderry on December 28, 1882. His wife, who was a native of Hollis, N.H., departed this life January 31, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crowell were members of the Presbyterian church. Of their children three are living: William H., whose name appears at the head of this article; Hannah E., wife of Stephen A. Estey, of Londonderry; and Sarah E., wife of John C. Quimby, of Derry Depot.

William H. Crowell obtained his education in the public schools of Londonderry, finishing with the high school. He was nearly twenty-one years of age when he entered the cutting department of the shoe manufactory of Warren Richardson at Wilson's Crossing. There he remained about three years, and then entered the employ of Colonel W. S. Pillsbury, shoe manufacturer at Derry Depot. The fact that Mr. Crowell has now been employed by Colonel Pillsbury as cutter for over twenty-six years in the same shop is strong testimony to his ability and conscientious discharge of duty. He owns a good farm of over thirty acres; and, while working at his trade, he has also been quite successful as a farmer. He resided for a number of years in Derry, returning in 1887 to the home of his boyhood, the farm where his home now is.

Mr. Crowell was married, September 20, 1866, to Almira A. Parker, a native of Londonderry, daughter of Edward and Mary R. (Kendall) Parker. Her grandfather, Elder John Parker, was a native of Litchfield, N.H.; and her parents, who are now dead, resided in that town for a number of years. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crowell: Nellie I.; Mary E., wife of Daniel M. McQuesten, of Manchester, N.H.; and Myron W. (deceased).

In politics Mr. Crowell is a Republican, but he has the confidence and esteem of both parties. He has now been in office as Town Clerk for eight successive years, prompt and efficient when called to act as a scribe, and ever the faithful and courteous custodian of the old records of the town, whose time-worn pages contain matter of inestimable value to the student of local history. Mr. Crowell belongs to a number of social orders, including the A. F. & A. M., the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Pilgrim Fathers, being a member of the lodges at Derry. Mrs. Crowell is an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church.



JOHN L. TRUE.

MYRON RICHARDSON, an active and enterprising business man of Derry Depot, where he is engaged in the manufacture of staves, was born March 21, 1864, in the town of Londonderry, son of William P. and Sarah H. (Goodwin) Richardson. William M. Richardson, his grandfather, born and reared in Massachusetts, was the son of a Revolutionary soldier. He was himself a soldier in the War of 1812, after which he settled in this county. He located in the north-western part of Londonderry, and there resided during the remainder of his life.

William P. Richardson, who was a native of Londonderry, grew to man's estate in that town. He worked at the blacksmith's trade in his earlier life; but he subsequently became an extensive dealer in lumber, confining his transactions chiefly to this county. At times he had several mills in operation, manufacturing lumber. He was a self-made and self-educated man, possessing much business ability. He served for many years as Justice of the Peace, being known throughout this section of the county as Esquire Richardson. For several years he was a trustee of the estate of the late William Plummer, of Manchester, N.H., who had been a resident of Londonderry for a short time. At his death, which occurred in May, 1893, he left three children, namely: Dr. William Richardson, of Londonderry; Myron, the subject of this sketch; and Sarah, the wife of Charles U. Annis, of Londonderry. One son, Harry, the first-born, died at an early age. The mother, also a native of Londonderry, is spending her widowhood on the old homestead in Londonderry.

Myron Richardson obtained his early education in the public schools of his native town, afterward completing his studies in the McGraw Institute at Reed's Ferry, Hillsborough County. After attaining his majority he assisted his father in lumbering and farming until 1891, when he located in Derry Depot as a dealer in lumber and building material. Two years later, with characteristic enterprise, he established his present prosperous business, that of manufacturing staves. These, which are mostly intended for fish barrels, are shipped to different markets by the carload. His mill is further equipped with a cider press, and in each fall since 1891 he has made large quantities of cider. He gives employment to five or six men, and the business is progressing. While residing in Londonderry Mr. Richardson served as Deputy Sheriff for four years. In Derry Depot he served two years in the capacity of Town Constable. He is a popular and active member of the Democratic party. In 1892 and 1894 he was the Democratic nominee for State Representative; and, notwithstanding that Derry is a Republican stronghold, he ran ahead of his ticket on both occasions, although he was not elected. He is affiliated with the Odd Fellows Lodge of Derry Depot.

On November 30, 1889, Mr. Richardson married Miss Augusta R. Nutt, a native of Manchester, daughter of Rodney and Ruany (Call) Nutt, neither of whom is now living. Mrs. Richardson is a half-sister of the late Commodore Nutt, the celebrated dwarf who travelled for many years with the late P. T. Barnum. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have one son, an interesting and active little fellow named Myron Harold, born March 4, 1895.

JOHN L. TRUE, station agent and general store keeper at West Epping, was born in this town, January 26, 1832, son of John and Sarah (Purrington) True. His father, who was a native of Chester, spent the active period of his life as a prosperous farmer in this county. His quiet, uneventful life was void of any desire for public prominence, he preferring to devote his time and energies to the cultivation of his farm and the enjoyment of domestic felicity. He won the sincere respect and good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen; and at his death, which took place in 1869, he was mourned as a worthy man, and a useful, exemplary citizen. He married Sarah Purrington, a native of Epping; and she died January 4, 1877.

John L. True acquired a common-school education, and his youth was passed in tilling the soil. At the age of twenty he left the farm, and was employed at a rubber factory for a year and a half. After this he engaged

in carpentering for a time, and later took charge of a grist-mill, which he conducted for about eleven years. In 1868 he was appointed station agent at West Epping, a position he has since filled to the general satisfaction both of the company and the public. He also attends to the local business of the American Express Company here. In 1871 he established a general store, in which he carries on a profitable trade; and his business is at the present time in a thriving condition.

In 1855 Mr. True wedded Harriet A. Tilton, daughter of Jonathan Tilton, a well-known and worthy citizen of Fremont, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. True have two children, namely: Almon L., who is engaged in business with his father; and Sarah E., wife of William C. Brown. Mrs. True is a member of the Second Advent Church. In politics Mr. True is a Republican; and, although his business occupies the greater portion of his time, he has rendered good service to the town as a Selectman, Supervisor, and Treasurer. He is public-spirited and progressive, ever on the lookout to advance the interests and develop the resources of his locality, to which objects he has given much of his time and influence.

CLARENCE M. DE ROCHEMONT, a prominent and highly respected resident of Newington, N.H., was born on his father's farm in this town on December 18, 1850. His father was Frederick W. de Rochemont, who was born in Portsmouth, N.H., in 1804; and his paternal grandfather was Maximillian J. de Rochemont, who came from France to America in the year 1781.

The latter was a man of a broad and fine education, but, like most political refugees, was very poor; and so he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for many years in Portsmouth with great success. He also became a translator for the merchants. He afterward edited for a few years a journal, *The Political Star*, by name. In the year 1804 he was married to Miss Sarah Ham Moses, of the town of Portsmouth. By this marriage he became the father of nine children, of whom the eldest was Frederick W., the father of Mr. Clarence M. de Rochemont. In 1823 Maximillian de Rochemont went down South, and he was suddenly murdered in New Orleans because of his pronounced views on Abolition.

Mr. Frederick W. de Rochemont married Miss Maria L. de Wit, a native of Georgetown, Demerara, South America, where she was born while her parents were sojourning there in 1811. This lady is still living, and is enjoying the best of health for one of her age. She never wore glasses until 1891. Mr. Frederick de Rochemont had gone to South America at the youthful age of fourteen years, and on his arrival went into a large mercantile establishment there, and remained in business until 1837, when he returned to the United States. Soon after his return he went into the business of fire insurance, which he, and afterward his son, conducted until 1895. He had an office on High Street, Boston, about 1837. He purchased two homesteads in Newington, one of seventy and the other of eighty acres in extent. His son now owns and lives upon the old homestead.

Mr. Frederick W. de Rochemont was Postmaster of Newington almost all his life, in the old post-office which has been standing in the town for over sixty years. He died April 14, 1885, at the age of eighty-one years. His remains are interred in Newington cemetery. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and had served one term as Representative, besides filling many smaller town offices. He was the father of ten children, namely: William H., born September 11, 1829, who died May 11, 1871; Charles J., born October 6, 1831, who died December 24, 1845; Sarah A., born September 28, 1833, died May 18, 1850; Maria L., born September 13, 1838; Frederick W., born April 11, 1841; Amelia, born August 23, 1843, who died October 15, 1869; Mary J., born May 7, 1846; Elizabeth J., born August 3, 1848; Clarence M., born December 18, 1850, who is the direct subject of this biographical sketch; and Herbert T., born August 15, 1853.

Clarence M. de Rochemont attended the district schools of the neighborhood in his early years, and remained on the farm with

his father, taking entire charge of it when he was but twenty years old. This has always been his home, and he still lives here and carries on general farming. He was married on December 21, 1876, to Miss Ella G. Wilson, of Wilson, N.Y. They are the parents of six children, all of them living, namely: Hetty W., born July 29, 1879; Henry M., born November 24, 1881; Percy E., born December 8, 1883; Fanny, born January 20, 1886; Allen C., born September 12, 1888; and Margherita G., born December 6, 1890.

In 1872 Mr. De Rochemont started a cider-mill; and a short time ago, in 1890, he added a steam saw and grist mill. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, also of the Odd Fellows Society, and the Improved Order of Red Men. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been a Selectman of his native town several different times. He is a member and Deacon of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs. He has been Town Clerk, and has filled several smaller offices. He and his wife are at the head of all social life in the town of Newington, where they are as much respected as they are admired.

DANIEL PICKERING PAUL, a successful farmer of Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Eliot, York County, Me., on August 8, 1841, the year when President William Henry Harrison died. Mr. Paul's parents were Stephen and Mary Nelson (Pickering) Paul. Stephen Paul, who was a carpenter by trade, was a native of Eliot. He came to Newington in 1861, and purchased the farm of fifty acres upon which his son Daniel resides. Stephen Paul married Mary Nelson Pickering, and they had five children — Mary Pickering; Drusilla Weare (deceased); Daniel Pickering; Anna Elizabeth; and Stephen Weston, who is a commercial man in Chicago. The father died on the farm in 1888, in the eighty-third year of his age.

Daniel Pickering Paul, after receiving a good common-school education, began at the age of fifteen years to learn the carpenter's trade, working with his father. He has always lived on the home farm. In politics Mr. Paul is influential in the ranks of the Democratic party. He served the town one term as Selectman, and in 1874 he was a Representative to the State legislature.

Mr. Paul and Miss Sarah Maria Gerrish were united in marriage in 1869. Of the four children born to them, one, Stephen Knowlton, died in infancy, and three — Sarah Drusilla, Mary Gerrish, and Daniel Pickering, second, unmarried — still reside at the parental home.

DANIEL G. ANNIS, who has been a member for many years, in various capacities, of the town government of Londonderry, N.H., and is now serving his twelfth year as Collector, was born in this place, January 25, 1839, son of John and Delilah (Coburn) Annis.

His grandfather, Isaac Annis, was an old settler of the town of Litchfield, Hillsborough County, N.H., and was a soldier in the War of 1812; and his father, John Annis, was a native of Litchfield. John Annis in 1820 purchased a farm near North Londonderry, where he made his home during the rest of his life. He was a member of the old Whig party and of its offshoot, the Republican party. His death occurred April 22, 1871. His wife, who was a native of Rockingham County, died in 1853. Of the children born to this couple five are living, namely: Adaline, wife of John P. Wilson, of Londonderry; Martha C., wife of George W. Boyce, of Napa County, Colorado; Joel C., in Nashua, N.H.; Delia, wife of Dr. Jacob F. Spaulding, of Salisbury, Mass.; and Daniel G.

Daniel G. Annis, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools of Londonderry and Pinkerton Academy in Derry, at which he spent one term. Reared on a farm, he engaged in the pursuit of agriculture until 1878, when he organized the firm of D. G. & R. Annis, for the sale of general merchandise and lumber, managing a saw-mill in connection. The place of business was North Londonderry. The firm carried a successful trade for a number of years, and was then merged into the corporation known as Annis & Co., which finally became the Annis Grain and Lumber Company, now one

of the best-known mercantile concerns in the State. Mr. Annis was connected with the enterprise some sixteen years, and was an important factor in its success. Since his withdrawal from the corporation, in April, 1894, his time has been occupied with his farm work and his official duties. He has a good farm of sixty acres, and has never lost his interest in agricultural matters; and he is a regular attendant at the meetings of Londonderry Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, organized in 1875, of which he is a charter member.

Mr. Annis, who is a Republican, has been actively interested in political matters since he was qualified to exercise the right of suffrage; and he has been elected to a number of offices of trust. He was four years Postmaster of North Londonderry, Selectman of Londonderry two terms, and Chairman of the Board one term, Town Clerk of Londonderry for a number of years, and Town Treasurer; and he held the office of Collector of the town ten years in succession, from 1873 to 1883, and was again elected in 1894, and has been in office since.

Mr. Annis has been twice married. His first wife, Mina, daughter of Samuel Gilcreast, left one son, John S. His second wife, Fanny, daughter of John W. Fling, of Londonderry, has no children. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. A public-spirited and enterprising citizen, he is an important member of Londonderry society, and is widely known and esteemed.

WALTER A. ALLEN, M.D., a rising young physician of Hampstead, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Boston, Mass., January 10, 1869, son of George and Sarah A. (Collins) Allen. Dr. Allen's father was born in Plaistow, N.H., December 1, 1838. When a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until some ten years since, when he settled upon a farm of one hundred acres in Hampstead, where he is now prosperously engaged in general farming. He has always been an exceedingly industrious man, still continuing active and energetic, and is a useful and highly esteemed citizen. In politics he acts with the Republican party. His wife, who was before marriage Sarah A. Collins, is a native of Danville, N.H., and daughter of Jonathan Collins of that town. Walter A., the subject of this sketch, is the only child of their union. Dr. Allen's mother is a member of the Baptist church in Danville.

Walter A. Allen acquired his elementary education in the common schools, advancing by attendance at the high school, from which he was graduated in 1885, and later taking a three years' course at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N.H. His professional studies were pursued at Dartmouth Medical College, Hanover, N.H., from which he was graduated in 1892. About three years later, still further qualified through experience obtained by spending a year as assistant physician at the State Hospital at Tewksbury, Mass., another at St. Elizabeth's, Boston, and a short time at the Emergency Hospital in that city, he in 1895 located in East Hampstead, N.H., where he has since continued to practise successfully. He is well equipped both by education and natural genius for the medical profession, and his steadfast devotion to the arduous duties of a country physician has already won for him the confidence and patronage of a large number of the inhabitants of this and the surrounding towns.

On November 1, 1895, Dr. Allen was united in marriage with Grace A. Roberts. Mrs. Allen possesses many amiable characteristics, which enable her to fill, with grace and honor, the prominent social position she now holds. Dr. Allen is a member of Gideon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 84, of Kingston, N.H.; and in politics he supports the Republican party.

MRS. ELIZABETH JULIAN CONNER, a highly esteemed resident of Exeter, N.H., belonging to one of the first families of the place, was born in this city, and has spent the greater part of her life here. Her parents were Luke and Abigail (Moses) Julian, who were married in Exeter in October, 1832.

Mrs. Conner's paternal grandfather was Andrew Julian, a Spaniard who settled in Exeter



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when a young man, and was married in 1803 to Mrs. Catherine Currier, of Portsmouth. Luke Julian, son of Andrew, and father of Mrs. Conner, was a man of enterprise and ability, prominent for many years in the business world of Exeter. He was for some time engaged in the manufacture of carriages, and was subsequently in the wool business, being at the time of his death one of the leading wool merchants of the city. He was called to rest from earthly labor March 3, 1877. Mr. Julian was not a man who sought political perferment; but he was a public-spirited citizen, always interested in the welfare and advancement of the community. His wife, who likewise was a native of the Granite State, passed away January 3, 1881.

Elizabeth Julian received her education in her native city, remaining with her parents until the time of her marriage in 1865. Her husband, Freeman Conner, was born and reared in Exeter, and left that city when about twenty-one years of age, going to Chicago.

Two daughters who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Conner are living with their mother in Exeter — Blanche Julian and Lucy Bridge Conner. Mrs. Conner has a pleasant home in the historic New Hampshire city, and enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends.

JOHN D. K. MARSHALL, of Londonderry, a veteran of the Civil War, and bearing as an honoring badge the scar of a rebel bullet, was born in Grafton, N.H., September 16, 1837. He is a son of Robert and Patience (Kilton) Marshall, natives respectively of Hudson and Grafton. Robert Marshall lived in Hudson until about thirty years of age, when he moved to Grafton. After a number of years spent here he returned to Hudson, and lived there some thirteen years more. At the end of that period, about the year 1854, he removed to Londonderry, settling in the southern portion of the town, on the farm now occupied by his son. This continued to be his home for the remainder of his life, which closed February 8, 1886. In politics he was a Democrat. An industrious and thrifty man, he attained prosperity through unremitting toil and judicious economy. His wife's death occurred March 24, 1877. Of their children two survive — Celia J. and John D. K.

John D. K. Marshall was reared on a farm, and received his early education in a district school of Hudson. He subsequently pursued his studies at intervals until nineteen years of age, resuming school attendance in Londonderry for a number of winter terms. Since then he has read a great deal, and is well informed on all subjects of current interest. In early manhood he chose farming for his life occupation; and he has followed that calling since, except when engaged in military service. On August 11, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, Fifth Regiment, New Hampshire Infantry, and subsequently, in the Second Army Corps, participated in some of the most momentous engagements of the Civil War. At the battle of Cold Harbor he was wounded in the right shoulder; and for three months thereafter, in an exceptionally warm summer, his injury confined him to the Summit House Military Hospital at Philadelphia. When sufficiently convalescent to go on duty, he was assigned to the One Hundred and Thirty-first Company of the Invalid Corps of the Veteran Reserve, guarding government property. Honorably discharged from military service July 10, 1865, he returned to his farm in Londonderry, where he has since resided. Mr. Marshall is thrifty and well-to-do, and is one of the prominent citizens of the town. He is unmarried, his sister presiding over the household. In politics he favors the Democratic side, believing, however, in giving public office to the man best qualified to perform the duties.

FREEMAN R. GARRETT, a prominent resident of Portsmouth, and a member of the Board of Commissioners of Rockingham County, was born in this city, June 3, 1856, a son of Henry L. and Louisa (Merrill) Garrett. His father, who was born in Boston, Mass., was for a number of years an engineer on the Eastern Railroad; but, his health failing, he resigned his position, and engaged in the grocery and provision business in Portsmouth. He met with such success that he remained in that business up to

the time of his death in 1876. He and his wife reared seven children, including the subject of this sketch.

Freeman R. Garrett received his education in the public schools of Portsmouth. He went to work in early boyhood, helping as he could in his father's store. His elder brother, Charles H., was also an assistant in the store; and after the father's death Charles H. and Freeman R. together carried on the business. They are still in partnership, and have a most prosperous trade, their popularity, no less than their business ability, making their establishment one of the best patronized of the kind in the city.

Freeman R. Garrett was married in 1881 to Miss Annie B. Sides, a native of Portsmouth, N.H., and daughter of Captain William and Margaret Sides.

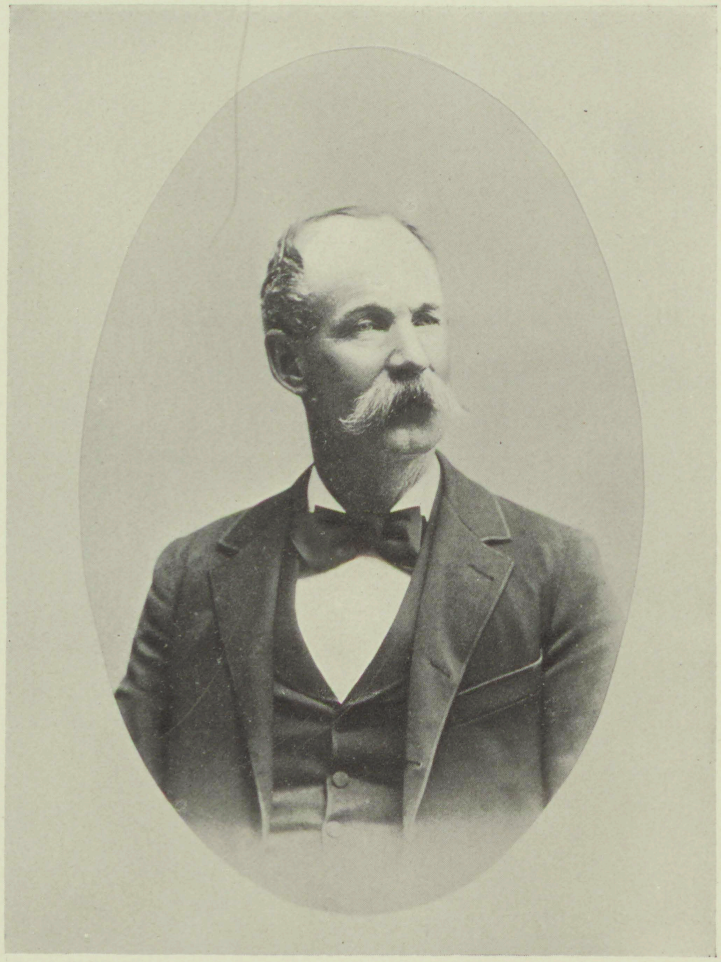
Mr. Garrett is a stanch Republican, and cast his first Presidential vote for General Garfield in 1880. A man of energy and good judgment, he stands high in the estimation of his fellow-partisans, and has served as a member of the Common Council of Portsmouth, and as delegate to different county and Congressional conventions. He was elected County Commissioner in 1892, and re-elected in 1894.

JACOB WEBSTER, a worthy representative of the agricultural community of this county, and an esteemed citizen of the town of Kingston, was born here, January 30, 1822. He comes of pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather, also named Jacob Webster, having been the first male child born of white parents in Kingston. Jacob was a farmer by occupation, and, having spent his entire life in this locality, died April 20, 1836. He reared nine children: Benjamin; William; Jacob, Jr.; John; Sarah; Polly; Lucy; Susan; and Nancy — all of whom have passed away.

John Webster followed farming, the occupation in which he was reared. He was also engaged in lumbering. He built the saw-mill now standing on the farm of his son Jacob, and carried on a good business until his demise. He married Miss Hannah Swett, who was born in East Kingston, and died on the home farm in Kingston. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, who died in 1894; Elihu, who died in 1890; Sarah, deceased; Nathaniel, living at South Kingston, who married Miss N. Davis; John, who died in 1867; Jacob, the subject of this sketch; Hannah, the wife of Gilman Crane, of Kingston village; and Stephen, who died in 1888. Stephen married Miss Harriet Winslow, who after his death married Andrew West.

Jacob Webster received his education in the district schools. After his marriage he engaged in lumbering and farming. He owns seventy-five acres of land, which he has farmed with success. He has placed the land in a good state of cultivation, besides making substantial improvements. He manufactured lumber for many years, operating the old saw-mill built by his father until 1882, when he was seriously injured in the side by the falling of a log from a sled. Since that time Mr. Webster has lived retired from active pursuits, enjoying the closing years of his life on his pleasant homestead. He has a natural talent for music, which he taught throughout this county from his eighteenth year; and he sang in the village choir, and he was a valued teacher in the Sunday-school. In his younger years he was active in political work, being an earnest advocate of the principles promulgated by the Republican party. He was for a number of years Justice of the Peace, besides serving as Selectman and in other minor offices.

On May 4, 1843, Mr. Webster was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Quimby, who was born in Kingston township March 6, 1822. Mrs. Webster's grandfather, Jacob Quimby, was a well-known farmer of Hampstead, this county. Her father, Nathan Quimby, a native of Hampstead, who was a shoemaker by trade, in his earlier years removed to Kingston, where he married Marion Davis, and was afterward engaged in farming and shoemaking until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have four children, namely: Loriah, who is the wife of F. Purington, of Kingston village; Lucy A., who lives in Kingston village, and is the widow of the late William Huse; Henry D., also a resident of the village, who married Mrs. Carrie Davis; and Luella C.,



WOODBURY D. DEARBORN.

wife of J. B. Towle, of Haverhill, Mass. On May 4, 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Webster celebrated their golden wedding, and on that memorable occasion received many valuable presents from their friends, who vied with each other in their efforts to make the anniversary a happy one. In religion Mrs. Wesbter is a sincere member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Kingston.

JOHN EDWIN LEAVITT, the esteemed Postmaster of Portsmouth, is a son of Carr and Eliza J. F. (Lane) Leavitt, and was born at Rye, N.H., June 10, 1848. The family is one of the oldest in New England. Its earliest American progenitor was Thomas Leavitt, one of two brothers who came from Scotland some time between 1630 and 1640, and settled in Hampton, this county. Thomas lived within the limits of Hampton several years. Later ancestors fought in the French and Indian War, and Postmaster Leavitt's great-grandfather served as a private in the War of Independence. His grandfather, Ebenezer Leavitt, born at North Hampton, in addition to being a carpenter by trade, was a Christian ordained minister. He gave the working days of the week to his trade; but he spent Sunday in attending to the spiritual needs of a district that included Hampton, North Hampton, Greenville, and Rye, in each of which places, except Greenville, he established a church. He married Sally Jewell, of Stratton, N.H., and they reared eight children; namely, Benning, Eben, John, Joseph, Carr, William, Sarah, and Ursula. His useful life reached the Scriptural limit of threescore and ten before it closed.

Carr Leavitt, who was also a native of North Hampton, resembled his father in being a carpenter and a deeply religious man. He resided for the greater part of his life in Rye, was a member of the Christian church there, and in his later years kept the Washington House at Rye Beach. His wife, who was a daughter of Joshua Lane, of Hampton, bore him six children; namely, Eben T., Eliza T., John E., Vianna J., Eben (second), and Sarah.

John Edwin Leavitt received his rudimentary education in the common schools of Rye and Manchester, N.H., and then completed the higher course of studies pursued in the Foster Academy at Pittsfield, N.H. After this he was trained in the trade of carpenter, and subsequently followed it for some years. At a later date he was engaged in the business of contractor in Rye. In 1866 he bought his father's hotel, which has since remained in his possession. He was appointed in 1885 to the office of weigher and receiver in the navy yard at Kittery. From this position he was subsequently advanced to that of book-keeper in the same department. He discharged the duties of book-keeper faithfully and efficiently until 1889, when he resigned to accept a more lucrative employment as clerk with the Granite State Fire Insurance Company. He was still filling this position in 1893 when he was appointed Postmaster.

In December, 1873, Mr. Leavitt was united in matrimony with Addie Philbrick, daughter of James and Dolly Philbrick, respected citizens of Kittery, Me. Both he and Mrs. Leavitt are members of the Christian church. In politics Mr. Leavitt has been an active Democratic worker. He is a Free and Accepted Mason, in affiliation with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, of which he is the present Master; with Washington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 3, of which he is the Treasurer; and with the De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars, of which he was Prelate. He is also a member of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been its Chaplain for several terms; of Langdon Colony, No. 3, Pilgrim Fathers; and of the Massachusetts Sons of the Revolution. Mr. Leavitt's management of the post-office of Portsmouth, besides giving general satisfaction, has shown him to possess executive ability of a quality capable of dealing with a much more responsible charge.

WOODBURY D. DEARBORN, of the firm of Dearborn Brothers, proprietors of the largest shoe factory in East Candia, N.H., is a lineal descendant of Godfrey Dearborn, who came to this coun-

try from England, and established a home in Hampton, N.H. But little concerning his life and that of his immediate descendants has come down to the present generation. John Dearborn, grandfather of Woodbury D., born in Danville, this State, came thence to Candia when a young man, and engaged in the shoe business until toward the latter part of his life, which was spent in retirement. He died about 1866, aged fourscore years. Six children were born to him and his wife, but all have now passed away. He was a Democrat in politics.

His son, John C. Dearborn, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Danville. He was a young man at the time his parents came to Candia; and, accompanying them thither, he spent the remainder of his threescore years and ten profitably engaged in the manufacture of shoes. He died about 1891. He was a Democrat, but took no special interest in public affairs, devoting his attention strictly to the interests of his business. In religious affiliation he was a Methodist. He married Miss Mary A. Griffin, of Candia, the fruit of this union being ten children, eight of whom are now living, namely: James E., who is connected with his brother's business; Elmon, in Candia; John H., a physician in Beverly, Mass.; Edwin B., in Haverhill; Jane, widow of Nathan Magoon, of Raymond; Maria, wife of E. Godfrey, of Candia; Woodbury D., and Jenness, who constitute the firm of Dearborn Brothers.

Woodbury D. Dearborn, son of John C., born in East Candia, April 29, 1845, began the preparation for the duties of life in the common schools of his native town. Even before this was accomplished the shadow of the great civil strife hung over our land; and, enlisting in Company I of the Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, Woodbury D. Dearborn, a lad of seventeen years, but a man in heroic purpose, stepped, as it were, from the school-room to the battle-field. His company was commanded by Captain Patten, and Colonel Harriman was at the head of the regiment. Mr. Dearborn was in the Wilderness, and all the battles of that campaign. After his honorable discharge and return home in 1865 he engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for eleven years, finally, in 1888, taking up his present business in company with his brother Jenness.

Their first shop was a small building twenty feet square, and in it but a dozen men were kept at work. The demand for their goods steadily increased, however, until to-day their business furnishes employment to five times the number first employed, and is the largest shoe manufacturing industry here.

Their present shop is about eighty feet long and thirty-two wide, one entire wing, and sixty feet on the other, being two stories in height. They manufacture women's wear exclusively, but have a variety of styles, such as the McRoy Oxfords, McKay boots, and others. The average weekly output is one hundred and twenty-five cases, of sixty pairs each.

In 1867, two years after his return from the war, Mr. Dearborn was joined in marriage with Miss Annie F. Lakin, of Sanbornton, N.H. They have no children. Politically, Mr. Dearborn is a Republican. He, however, takes but little interest in such matters, preferring to devote his attention strictly to business. He is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 96, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, also of Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond.

JENNESS E. DEARBORN, the junior member, financial manager, and buyer of the enterprising shoe manufacturing company of Dearborn Brothers at East Candia, was born in Candia on April 7, 1862, son of John C. and Mary A. (Griffin) Dearborn. He received his education in the common schools and in the high school of Candia. When about eighteen years old, he went to work in the shoe shop with his brothers, remaining for about three years. During the succeeding two years he was employed by John Holt in fitting stock. He then started in business for himself in company with William H. Dearborn, under the style of J. E. & W. H. Dearborn, which arrangement was continued for a year and a half, when he purchased his partner's interest in 1884, and took

in his present partner, his brother, Woodbury D. Dearborn; and the firm has since been known as Dearborn Brothers. Prior to this the work had been done by foot power; but the new firm enlarged the plant, and put in improved machinery, so they were able to turn out about ten cases per day. Later on they further increased their business facilities by putting in a thirty-horse power engine and boiler, and were then able to make about fifteen cases, of sixty pairs each, per day. They continued the business on this basis until June, 1895, when they made still further improvements, putting in a twenty-horse power engine and a sixty-horse power boiler, also new machinery for the manufacture of the McKay sewed shoes; and they now have a weekly output of one hundred and twenty-five cases, and employ sixty hands on full time. They manufacture only women's wear. In the summer of 1896 they erected an addition, measuring about seventy by thirty-two feet, and two stories in height; and they now occupy a space of one hundred and twenty-five thousand square feet of floor room. Finding their water supply insufficient for so large a business, they dug a spring twelve feet square and eight feet deep in the rear of the residence of Mr. Jenness E. Dearborn, and erected a windmill, which draws the water five hundred and fifty feet; and it is then forced into a three-thousand-gallon tank, which supplies their plant, besides the houses of both members of the firm. In 1893 they became interested in farming, and purchased the Charles Bickford farm of one hundred and sixty acres in East Candia, which is now known as the Dearborn Brothers' stock farm. It is well stocked with cattle, and they cut about forty tons of hay yearly. They have made extensive repairs in the house, barns, and out-buildings since they purchased the place. The Dearborn brothers are both self-made men; and their success has been achieved entirely through their energy, perseverance, and business ability.

Jenness E. Dearborn was married on October 18, 1883, to Laura E. Bartlett, a daughter of G. W. Bartlett, of Brentwood, N.H. They have a son and daughter: Leon E., aged eleven years; and Eunice E., aged eight, both attending school.

In 1892 Mr. Dearborn was clerk of the School Board. He is a member of several fraternal organizations, including Rockingham Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 76, of Candia; the Mutual Relief Lodge, No. 86; Eagle Encampment of Haverhill, Mass.; the Eastern Star Lodge of Masons; and Rebecca Lodge of Candia. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Dearborn is a member. Mr. Dearborn has been a Trustee of the society since the church was built, being the present Chairman of that board.

ALONZO F. TUTTLE, of Nottingham, a shoemaker by trade, also engaged in farming on a small scale, was born here, January 3, 1831, son of Oliver and Sarah (Ham) Tuttle. His grandfather, Nathaniel Tuttle, also a native of the town, born July 30, 1782, maintained himself and his family in comfortable circumstances by farming and operating a grist-mill. Nathaniel married Joanna Davis, who was born on August 10, 1781, and by her became the father of ten children, all of whom have now passed away. He died on January 22, 1863, and his wife, four years later, on January 14, 1867.

Oliver Tuttle, the eldest of his parents' children, was also a native of Nottingham, born February 28, 1801. He learned the trade of a mason, and became so expert a workman that his services were sought by people in many places throughout the State. After a number of years spent at his trade he retired to a farm, the care of which, and the occasional making of shoes, were his chief occupations up to the time of his death in May, 1879. His wife, Sarah (Ham) Tuttle, who was born January 9, 1805, daughter of Joseph Ham, of Dover, N.H., survived him until December 5, 1894. She was a communicant of the Free Will Baptist church. In his political views he was a Democrat. Of their nine children, five are living, namely: Alonzo F., the subject of this article; Oliver B., born April 3, 1833; Sarah Jane, born June 15, 1835; Esther Y., born October 18, 1837; and Lydia P., born May 21, 1840. Oliver B. married Miss Eliza N. Ranger, and has

five children living; namely, Walter, Edward, Leora, Blanche, and Helen. Sarah Jane is the wife of Lorenzo Ranger, a brother of Mrs. Oliver B. Tuttle, and has three children — Jennie, Lulu, and Alice. Esther Y. married John D. Daniels. Lydia P. married Frank P. Ranger, and has five children — Lillia, Oliver, Bertha, LeRoy, and Essie.

When Alonzo F. Tuttle had completed his education, which was acquired in the common schools of this town, he learned the shoemaker's trade, and is still actively engaged in that occupation. He also has a farm of about forty acres, where he carries on mixed farming. On March 31, 1863, he was married to Miss Fanny L. Tuttle, a daughter of Ebenezer S. Tuttle, of this town. Their only child, a daughter, Iber L., was born January 26, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle are liberal in their religious views. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served for several years on the Board of Selectmen. He is a member of Equity Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Northwood, this county.

IRA H. ADAMS, M.D., a successful and highly esteemed physician and surgeon of Derry Depot, was born, August 10, 1846, in the town of Pomfret, Vt. On the Adams side he is of English descent, and on the maternal side of Scotch descent. His paternal grandfather, Issachar Adams, who was born in Hubbardston, Mass., settled in Croydon, Sullivan County, N.H., where his son Jarvis, the Doctor's father, was born. Jarvis Adams continued a resident of his native State until thirty-two years of age, when he removed to Pomfret, Vt. He was closely associated with the business and political interests of Pomfret until his death, September 25, 1880. In politics he was a strong Republican. He served his fellow-townsmen as Selectman, and in other responsible positions for several years. While living in New Hampshire he was prominent in military circles, and held a Colonel's commission in the State militia. Colonel Adams married Miss Eunice H. Mitchell, who was a native of Andover, N.H.

Ira H. Adams, M.D., spent his early life on the parental farm, obtaining his elementary education in the public schools. He was subsequently graduated from the Randolph State Normal School, the first normal school established in Vermont, and for several years thereafter was engaged in teaching school. Coming then to New Hampshire, he took the full college preparatory course at the Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, becoming especially proficient in Greek and Latin. Subsequently, having decided to enter upon a medical career, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Hubert Sleeper, of Meriden. A year later he entered the Medical Department of Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1874. He immediately began the practice of his profession in the town of Hookset, Merrimack County, where he continued busily engaged for eight years. In 1882 he came to Derry Depot, where he has built up a large general practice, winning the confidence of the people of this community and the surrounding country. He is a member of the Rockingham County Medical Society and of the New Hampshire State Medical Association. Prominently identified with the Order of Odd Fellows, he belongs to Echo Lodge, No. 61, of Derry Depot, and Mystic Encampment, having been Grand Patriarch of New Hampshire in 1893–94, and Grand Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1895–96. He is a Republican in politics, and has represented the town of Derry in the New Hampshire legislature.

Dr. Adams was married, August 31, 1875, to Miss Louise S., daughter of A. F. Perley, of Lempster, N.H., and became the father of two children — Richard H. and Jennie L. He and his family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are held in high regard throughout the community.

HIRAM S. REYNOLDS, Town Treasurer of Windham, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Caledonia County, Vermont, February 3, 1828, son of Enoch and Mary (Sabin) Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds's parents were residents of Vermont, of which State his mother was a native. His paternal grand-

father, Enoch Reynolds (first), served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War.

Hiram S. Reynolds was reared by his maternal grandfather, Elihu Sabin, his mother having died when he was a child. He acquired his education in the common schools. At the age of sixteen he was thrown upon his own resources by the death of his grandfather; and, starting in life as an operative in a saw-mill, he continued in that employment for some years in Vermont and New Hampshire. In 1848 he came to this State, and, after working in Nashua for a time, settled at West Windham, where he was employed in a saw-mill for ten years. He then had charge of the Windham town farm for a time, after which, in 1866, he entered upon his present farm, where he has since resided. In politics he actively supports the Republican party, displaying a competence in handling public affairs that has won the hearty appreciation of his fellow-townsmen. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years, was elected a Representative to the legislature in 1888, and he has filled the office of Town Treasurer for a number of years past.

On April 10, 1852, Mr. Reynolds wedded Mary J. Prescott, who was born in Bridgewater, N.H., January 3, 1826, daughter of Josiah W. and Dorothy (Leavitt) Prescott, respectively natives of Bridgewater and New Hampton, N.H. Mr. Prescott served in the War of 1812, doing garrison duty at Portsmouth, N.H. Of his large family of children there are four other survivors, namely: Ira B., who resides in Deerfield, N.H.; Arah W., a resident of South Hookset, N.H.; Charles L., residing in New Boston, N.H.; and Delano, who lives in Lowell, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have two daughters, namely: Mary E., the widow of the late G. G. Robinson, having three children — Charles A., Edward G., and Eva G.; and Lottie A., the wife of Charles A. Steele, of Hudson, N.H., having four children living — Lena M., Ida N., Charles L., and Charlotte M.

Mr. Reynolds possesses the esteem and confidence of the general community. Both he and his wife occupy a prominent social position here. They are now enjoying the fruits of their useful lives, marked as they are by many benevolent deeds, having the sincere wishes of their numerous friends and acquaintances for a long continance of their happiness.

PRESCOTT C. HALL, now living in retirement at Salem Depot, was at one time a very successful shoe manufacturer. He is a native of Salem, born March 16, 1834, son of Alva and Nancy (Coburn) Hall, respectively natives of Salem and Pelham, N.H. Jonathan Hall, the father of Alva, was a son of Joshua, who came from England. Joshua was an early settler of Salem, and a Revolutionary soldier who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. Alva Hall was a carpenter and contractor, and worked at his trade throughout his life, which was spent in his native town. He died in February, 1885, in the eighty-second year of his age. Of the children born to him and his wife Nancy, the survivors besides Prescott C. are: Emily, the wife of George H. Colburn, of Salem Depot; and Helen, the wife of George Greeley, of Glendora, Cal.

Prescott C. Hall attended the common schools of Salem for the usual period, and subsequently was a student of the Tilton (N.H.) Seminary for two years. His business life began at the age of eighteen years, when he went to work as a clerk in a store in Haverhill, Mass. After some five years spent there, he returned in 1856 to Salem Depot, and began in a small way to manufacture boots and shoes. He met with unusual success, and continued in the business until 1888, when he sold out to his sons. At the time of his retirement he owned and conducted four different factories, one each in Salem, Natick, Lynn, and Topsfield, and employed about fifteen hundred hands. When it is considered that he started with but a very small cash capital, his success commands admiration.

In 1859 Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. McCurdy, daughter of Daniel McCurdy, of Dunbarton, N.H. Four sons have blessed the union; namely, Clarence P., Arthur C., Clifton S., and Lester W. All but Arthur C., who resides in Boston, are living at home.

Mr. Hall has represented the town of Salem in the State legislature for one term, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. Although not a church member, he contributes freely to the funds of the church. He has done much toward building up Salem Depot, many of the residences here having been erected through his instrumentality. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed members of society. Their home is one of the most beautiful and commodious residences in this place.

FRANCIS C. BARTLETT, an energetic and prosperous member of the farming community of the town of Kingston, Rockingham County, N.H., is a native-born citizen, the date of his birth being April 2, 1845. His father, the late William Bartlett, was born and reared in Kingston, and with the exception of a year or two spent in Boston, Mass., made this town his permanent abiding place. He worked at the cooper's trade in his younger days, but subsequently turned his attention to the butchering business, beginning in a small way by selling meat from a cart in different towns of this section of the county. He gradually enlarged his business, eventually giving up his retail trade and becoming a wholesale dealer in meats. He died in April, 1886, at a good old age.

William Bartlett married Miss Betsey Bean, a native of Raymond, this county, by whom he had eight children, namely: Mehitabel, the wife of John P. Bean, residing at Haverhill, Mass.; Elizabeth, who died February 23, 1896; William J., living in Kingston, who married Lettie Crane; Abbie J., wife of J. W. Marshall, of Malden, Mass.; Ichabod, who died when thirteen years of age; Francis C.; Rinda, the wife of T. B. Smith, a merchant in the village of Kingston; and one child that died in infancy. The mother died May 20, 1866, while yet in the prime of womanhood.

Francis C. Bartlett acquired a practical common-school education in his native town, remaining with his parents until twenty-three years of age. He then began teaming, and has since carried on quite a profitable business in this line. He owns a farm of nearly one hundred acres, which he manages judiciously, carrying on general farming with most excellent results. This farm, which is one of the most attractive in the neighborhood, has a fine location near Kingston Plains village, and is in a good state of cultivation, yielding in favorable seasons bountiful harvests. Mr. Bartlett is a loyal Democrat in politics, active in local affairs, and has served with satisfaction to his constituents as Selectman of Kingston for two years and township Supervisor four years. Socially, he is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 85, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Kingston village; of the Daughters of Rebecca; and of the local grange.

On January 29, 1869, Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Rowe, who was born in Manchester, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have four children, namely: Albert E., of Brentwood; Walter W., residing in Haverhill, Mass.; and Lela and Clarence, living with their parents.

FREDERICK PICKERING, a respected citizen of Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in this town on his father's farm, May 29, 1849. Mr. Pickering's earliest American ancestor was John Pickering, by birth an Englishman, who came to this country about the year 1633, and located in what is now Portsmouth, N.H., then called Strawberry Bank. He was one of the first settlers of the town of Portsmouth, and became a large land-owner there, also owning and running a grist-mill. A part of his estate was entailed on his male descendants and their immediate issue. John Pickering died in his adopted home in 1669. He left a son named Thomas, who was born in Portsmouth, and who died in 1719, leaving a son also called Thomas, born November 28, 1703. The eldest son of the second Thomas Pickering was Nicholas, born in 1727, a native of Newington, whither the father had moved. Nicholas Pickering in turn left a son Thomas, born in Newington in October, 1778, who was the grandfather of Frederick Pickering.

James Alfred Pickering, a son of the last Thomas Pickering and the father of Frederick, was also born in Newington in September,

1810. Like his forefathers, he was a successful farmer. On May 28, 1848, he married Miss Susan E. Mathes, who was born May 31, 1818, in Durham, Stafford County, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Mathes. They became the parents of three children; namely, Frederick, Alice B., and Sarah M. Sarah M. Pickering died June 19, 1889. James A. Pickering was thirteen years old when his father took possession of the farm now owned by Frederick Pickering. At that time it contained about sixty acres of land. During his lifetime James A. added fifty acres more to the estate, and extracted a comfortable living from it by general farming. He was elected to the House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in the year 1876. He also served his native town as Selectman for several terms, was Town Clerk for a few terms, and was for a long time a member of the School Committee. The Congregational church had no more zealous member. He died on June 12, 1889; and his remains are interred in the Newington Cemetery.

Frederick Pickering, who was born just a year and a day after the marriage of his parents, attended the district school until he was seventeen years of age, after which he completed his course of study at Hampton Academy. He commenced teaching school at the age of twenty years, a profession that he followed for seven years, working on the old farm with his father between the winter sessions. On the death of his father he took sole charge of the estate. He has been a Selectman of the town for three years, a member of the School Board for a long time, and is, moreover, Justice of the Peace. He, his mother and sister, are earnest and active members of the Congregational church.

JAY DEARBORN, one of Brentwood's enterprising farmers, was born October 8, 1834, in Wakefield, Carroll County, son of Jonathan and Olive (Manson) Dearborn. His father, also a native of Wakefield, was reared in that town, and there followed general farming throughout his active period. His declining years were passed in Epping, this county, where his death occurred March 11, 1862. His wife, Olive, a native of Newfield, Me., preceded him to the grave, having died in 1842. They were the parents of twelve children; namely, John, Lucy, Louis, Caroline, Susan, Margaret Ann, Emma, Jay, George, Henry, and two that died in infancy.

Jay Dearborn lived on the home farm and attended the district school until fifteen years of age. He then went to Rochester, N.H., and there was employed five months cutting wood for a new railway. Going from there to Troy, N.Y., he there drove a coach for his brother for two years. He then returned to Carroll County, where he spent one season working in Wakefield. Afterward he came to this county, and was employed in New Market and Epping. In the latter place Mr. Dearborn learned the shoemaker's trade, and he thereafter worked at it and at farming until 1869. In that year he came to Brentwood, and purchased the farm he now occupies. He has since carried on general farming, dairying, stock raising, and fruit-growing with profit. In 1873 he had the misfortune to be burned out; but, two years later, he erected new buildings, remarkable for their strength and convenience. The farm contains one hundred and sixty acres of land, a large portion being in a good state of cultivation. Mr. Dearborn also owns a farm of ninety acres in Epping, and one of fifty-six acres in Brentwood. The latter has two houses, two barns, and a blacksmith shop. In politics Mr. Dearborn is a steadfast Democrat, but has neither sought nor cared for public office.

Mr. Dearborn was married January 1, 1854, to Miss Mary A. Carlton, who was born at New Market, September 5, 1838. Her father, Samuel Carlton, who was a blacksmith, worked at his trade in New Market for many years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Eliza Goodwin, died when Mrs. Dearborn was quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn have had six children — Addie Belle, Georgiana, Carrie E., Hattie E., Fred P., and Ernest J. Addie Belle, Georgiana, and Ernest J. are deceased. Carrie E. was first married to George W. Currier, of Deerfield, N.H. He died; and she subsequently became the wife of a physician of Brentwood, by whom she has one child,

Eva May. Hattie E. is the wife of Amos Dearborn, of Haverhill, Mass. Fred P., who resides in Epping, married Jennie Pike, and is the father of two children — Fred and Estelle N.

THOMAS E. SIMPSON, since early youth a resident of Deerfield, N.H., where he is a leading farmer and a merchant, was born in Winona, Minn., February 10, 1856.

Andrew Simpson, the first ancestor of Mr. Thomas E. Simpson in America, was a linen weaver in Scotland, where he was born about 1697. He came to New England in 1725, and, after living in Boston a few years, removed to Nottingham, N.H., where he bought a farm. Here a dreadful tragedy was enacted in the year 1747, when his wife, Elizabeth Simpson, with two other victims, was brutally murdered by the Indians. (See Belknap's History of New Hampshire.)

Andrew Simpson's son Thomas was the next in genealogical order. He was born in Scotland in 1720. He was a land surveyor in Deerfield, where his father had settled, and was selected with his brother Andrew to fix the boundary line between Nottingham and Deerfield at the time Deerfield was set off as a separate town in 1766. In that year also he was chosen First Parish Clerk of Deerfield, a position he held until 1773, when he removed to Newburyport, Mass., where he remained until his death. He married in 1747 a Miss Sarah Morrison, who died in 1753; and he afterward formed a second marriage with Mrs. Mary Cochran, the widow of David Cochran, of Londonderry.

Thomas Simpson left a son by the name of John, who was destined to be remembered for two honors: he fired the first gun at the battle of Bunker Hill, and he was the maternal grandfather of Ulysses S. Grant, the warrior President of the United States, John Simpson's daughter, Hannah, marrying Jesse R. Grant. Their first son, the future President, was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio, April 27, 1822. John Simpson was born December 1, 1747. He married Mary Whidden. At Bunker Hill he was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in Captain David Moore's Company, and afterward he was made Major. He died October 28, 1825.

Thomas Simpson, son of Major John and Mary (Whidden) Simpson, was born August 2, 1788. In 1809 he was married to Elizabeth Lamprey. He was a carpenter by vocation, and while working on the State House in Concord he fell, receiving an injury that made him a cripple. The remainder of his life was devoted to ministerial work, in which field of labor for the spiritual welfare of humanity he died December 1, 1872, aged eighty-four years.

The Rev. Thomas Simpson left a son, who bore the name of Joseph L. Simpson, born February 10, 1815, in Lowell, Mass. He was a machinist by occupation, or, rather was taught that trade with the intention of following it as a means of livelihood; but, moving to the West in his early youth, he became a farmer. He married for his first wife a Miss Bowker, by whom he was the father of one son, and for his second wife Mrs. Hannah B. Randall. Two sons were born of this union: Thomas E., of Deerfield; and Fred L., who lives in Greenland, N.H. Mr. Joseph L. Simpson held no public offices, but devoted his whole time to the cultivation of his farm. He died in his Western home, September 19, 1861, aged forty-six years, seven months, and six days. His wife, Hannah B. Jenkens in her maidenhood, later widow of a Mr. Randall, was born April 3, 1824, and died March 3, 1874.

Thomas E. Simpson, their son, was a little boy of nine years old when he was brought East to the land of his forefathers. Having completed his educational course in the common schools of Deerfield, he immediately began farming on the estate that afterward became his own by inheritance. In addition to the management of his place, Mr. Simpson carries on a store of general merchandise in Deerfield, keeping a large and diverse assortment of goods.

The Simpson farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres of land, forty-six of which are under cultivation. The soil is rich, and the management of the whole place systematic and intelligent. The average yield of grass



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from its fields is fifteen tons a year, which is a good crop for this latitude. The present owner of this estate has recently built a large and handsome barn, which measures sixty by thirty-eight feet, has a capacity for storing fifty tons of hay, and comfortably sheltering eighteen head of cattle. Mr. Simpson formerly kept as much stock as his barn would accommodate, but does not now deal in cattle so extensively, although he still has a dairy supplied by four cows, while he has constant use for three horses and generally keeps some young stock on hand. There is no farm in the vicinity of Deerfield in better condition than that of Thomas E. Simpson, and in matters of agricultural import and interest he is an authority.

October 29, 1880, was the date of his marriage with Miss Mary P. Dow, of Canterbury, N.H. One child, a son, was the issue of this union, Samuel W., who is busy at school, preparing himself to take part in the world's work.

In political affiliation Mr. Simpson is a Republican. The family attend the services of the Congregational church of their town, and occupy a prominent place in its social circle. Thomas E. Simpson's name is enrolled on the lists of a number of fraternal societies, including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Union Lodge, No. 32, of Deerfield, Hildreth Encampment of Suncook, and Canton General Stark, of Suncook, N.H. He has taken all the degrees of the subordinate lodge. For two years he has been Selectman, and has served for the same period of time as Supervisor of the check list.

The Simpson family has in the past been closely associated with the development and progress of their section of country, and it may be prophesied that the name will still continue to be borne by future generations who shall represent the best types of American citizens.

LEWIS W. BREWSTER is the senior member of the publishing firm of L. W. Brewster & Son, editors and proprietors of the Portsmouth *Journal*, one of the oldest papers in the country, now well entered on its second century. The Brewsters of Portsmouth are of the "Mayflower" Pilgrim stock, being descendants of Elder William Brewster, of Scrooby Manor, England, who was one of the leaders of the Plymouth Colony.

Charles Warren Brewster, a native of Portsmouth, father of the subject of this sketch, entered the office of the *Journal*, then known as the Portsmouth *Oracle*, in February, 1818, to learn the printer's trade. In July, 1825, he and T. H. Miller, forming the firm of Miller & Brewster, assumed the ownership and publication of the paper, whose name had previously been changed to the Portsmouth *Journal of Literature and Politics*. Ten years later C. W. Brewster became sole proprietor. He conducted it alone until 1856, when he took as a partner his son Lewis W., an arrangement that lasted until the death of the veteran editor on August 4, 1868.

In 1828 Charles W. Brewster married Mary Gilman, who died October 29, 1879. They had nine children, four sons and five daughters, of whom Lewis W. and Helen A. G. survive.

Lewis Waterbury Brewster was born June 30, 1830. He attended the public schools of Portsmouth, graduating from the high school in 1846. In the following November he began his career as a newspaper man, never leaving the office of the *Journal* from that time on except to take a further course of study at Rockingham Academy. He was married August 14, 1855, to Miss Annie B. Greene, of Hampton Falls, this county. She died November 18, 1895, having given birth to three children, a daughter and two sons, of whom Arthur G. is living. Arthur G. Brewster has taken up the hereditary occupation; and in 1895, at the age of thirty-one years, he became the junior member of the firm of Lewis W. Brewster & Son.

The Portsmouth *Journal* has always maintained a high standard of journalistic integrity and usefulness. A remarkable feature of its columns for some time was the very interesting series of historical and descriptive articles, prepared at a great expense of time and labor by the elder Brewster, entitled "Rambles about Portsmouth," afterward published in

covers, forming two choice volumes, rich in reminiscences of this venerable seaport town.

CHARLES R. BAILEY, a representative man of Londonderry, who has been honored by his townsmen with a seat in the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Lebanon, Grafton County, March 1, 1851. He is a son of James D. and Adaline S. (Sweetser) Bailey, natives of Hillsborough County. James D. Bailey, who was a son of Daniel Bailey, lived in the town of Merrimack, Hillsborough County, until he was about forty years of age. He then moved to Macon County, Illinois, where he died shortly after settling. After his death his widow resided for a number of years in Scranton, Pa., and then moved to Manchester, N.H. She contracted a second marriage, thereby becoming the wife of David R. Leach, formerly of Londonderry, and died in May, 1888.

Charles R. Bailey, the only surviving child of his parents, spent his early childhood in Illinois, and was about twelve years of age when his mother removed to Scranton, Pa. His education was acquired in the common schools of Illinois and Scranton; the high school in Manchester, N.H., from which he graduated early in the seventies; and the academy at New London, N.H. In 1883 he settled on the farm in Londonderry, where he still makes his home, and has since given his chief attention to agriculture. He owns some eighty acres of land, and carries on his farming operations in a progressive way, often taking the lead in special crops.

He was married in August, 1878, to Augusta G. Hunkins, a native of Manchester, and daughter of George W. and Cynthia (Dow) Hunkins, both of Manchester. Of their nine children eight are living; namely, Edwin J., Addie, Anna M., Ara B., Berta, Emma, Grace, and an infant not named at this writing. The second son, Fred, died in early childhood. The father votes the Republican ticket. He was for three years Selectman of Londonderry, serving one year as Chairman of the board. He was Representative in the State legislature one term, and was elected three years in succession Highway Agent of Londonderry. He is a member of the Masonic brotherhood, having membership in St. Mark's Lodge at Derry. He is a charter member of Horace Greeley Council of the United Order of American Mechanics at Londonderry, and he is an active member of Londonderry Grange. A well-educated man, with advanced ideas and liberal views, Mr. Bailey is held in high regard by his townsmen.

JOHN WASON, an energetic and enterprising farmer, residing at North Chester, was born in Chester, February 15, 1840, a son of Frederick and Rebecca (Knowles) Wason. He is descended from ancestors who came among the earliest settlers of the town of Chester, where James Wason, the great-great-grandfather, as well as the grandfather of John, spent their whole lives. Frederick Wason was also a lifelong resident of Chester, and one of its highly respected citizens. He worked at farming and lumbering during his years of activity, being for many years the owner of a saw-mill. After attaining a ripe old age, he died in 1886. He had survived his wife, whose death occurred in 1878. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Harriet, who died October 20, 1879, and was the wife of Hendrick Hall, of Haverhill, Mass.; Nathan, who died in 1862; Robert, a soldier in the late Rebellion, who died in the service in 1862; John, the subject of this sketch; Albert, who likewise served in the Civil War, died during his term of enlistment in 1864; Elbridge, residing in Haverhill, Mass., who married Miss Ellen McCreddy; and Loren S., living at Haverhill, Mass., who married Miss Clara Hills.

John Wason obtained his education in the district schools of Chester and in the academy at Derry, N.H. In 1861 he engaged as a farm laborer in this town, and was employed in that way for four years. Returning then to the old homestead, he remained with his parents until his marriage, when he established a household of his own. He had saved enough money while working as a farm hand to warrant him in purchasing the farm in North Chester where he now lives. Laboring here with the energy and perseverance that had

hitherto characterized his efforts, he, in due course, had his estate paid for, and many important improvements made. The property contains one hundred acres of finely improved land. In addition to cultivating his land, Mr. Wason employs his winters in lumbering. In politics he is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and has served in various minor offices of the town. Somewhat of an antiquary, he cherishes among other old relics a copy book that has been preserved in the Knowles family for more than a century. He has also an old flint-lock rifle, formerly owned by his great-grandfather, that he prizes highly.

In December, 1864, Mr. Wason married Lavina J. Dolber, a native of Candia township, this county. She was born in 1840, daughter of John Dolber, who worked at the carpenter's trade in Candia for many years. Her mother, Polly (Stevens) Dolber, also a native of Candia, surviving her father, passed her last days in Chester. Mr. and Mrs. Wason have had three children, namely: Albert H., who died March 30, 1888, in New Hampton, N.H.; Susan Jennie, who is teaching school in New Salem, this State; and William B., who resides at home.

CHARLES T. BROWN, of Hampton Falls, a successful farmer and a representative man of the district, was born in this place, September 29, 1827. He is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Drake) Brown, both members of old New Hampshire families. On the paternal side his first ancestor in this part of the world was John Brown, an Englishman born in 1588, who came to America in 1635, and established a home in the town of Hampton, N.H. His property is now owned by Zaccheus Brown, a lineal descendant. John, one of the posterity of the first John Brown, married Sarah or Elizabeth Brown, and settled in the southeastern part of Hampton, now Seabrook. Benjamin, a son of this couple, had a son Jacob, who married Mary Green; and Nathan, the son of Jacob and Mary (Green) Brown, was the great-grandfather of Charles T. Brown. The grandfather, another Jacob Brown, was one of the most successful farmers known in the town of Hampton, where he settled when a young man, after moving from Kingston, this county.

Thomas Brown, a native of Kingston, born in 1793, was two years old when his parents removed to Hampton Falls. He was reared in the latter place, receiving his education in the district school and the academy. On finishing his studies he settled on a farm adjoining the homestead. There he spent his quiet and useful life of seventy-five years, tilling the soil and holding friendly intercourse with the neighbors, many of whom he had known from his earliest recollection. In 1868 he hired as a farm hand a man named Josiah L. Pike, who, after working for him six months, committed one of the foulest murders recorded in the annals of New Hampshire. This man killed Mr. and Mrs. Brown with an axe, striking the defenceless old lady first, who did not regain consciousness after the blow. Mr. Brown lived four days. Pike was caught and hanged at Concord, N.H. Mrs. Brown was a daughter of Abraham Drake, of Hampton. She reared the following children: Jacob T., a farmer on the homestead of his mother's father in Hampton; Abigail A., now deceased, who was the wife of James W. Green, and had two children, also deceased; and Charles T., the subject of this sketch.

Charles T. Brown received a good practical education in the district school and at the Rockingham and Durham Academies. He taught school for a while in New Market and Exeter; but subsequently, having learned shoemaking, made shoes for firms in Lynn, Mass. Finally, however, he took up the occupation of general farmer, which had brought prosperity to so many members of his family. His farm is a part of the old Brown estate, and was purchased in his boyhood. He erected the buildings in 1854.

Mr. Brown was married in 1854 to Martha R., daughter of Josiah and Mary (Shaw) Robinson, of Exeter. Mrs. Brown died June 14, 1871, having given birth to four children. These were Eddie R., who lived but six years; Helen F., who married David F. Batchelder, of Hampton Falls, and has three children — Arthur D., Martha R., and Paul E.; and Mary E. and Everett, who were twins. Everett

died at the age of sixteen. Mary E. married Bertram T. Janvrin, and has one child, Everett B. Mr. Brown contracted a second marriage with Alice W., daughter of Joseph P. and Elizabeth (Rundlett) Batchelder, of Hampton. Mr. Brown has voted in the interest of the Republican party for nearly half a century, although he cast his first Presidential vote for John P. Hale, the candidate of the Free Soil Democrats in 1852. He represented the district in the legislature in 1872-73. He served as Selectman in 1867, 1868, and 1869. He was also a member of the School Board, and efficiently filled the office of Town Treasurer for sixteen years. He has officiated as Justice of the Peace since 1854, and has adjusted many estates in the vicinity.

BENJAMIN M. PARKER, surveyor of lumber and ex-Secretary of the New Hampshire Mechanics' Association, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Portsmouth, N.H., is a native of Kittery, Me., where he was born December 27, 1819. His parents were Benjamin and Joanna (Mugridge) Parker.

Benjamin Parker followed the life of a seaman, and was for many years mate of a vessel. He died at sea from yellow fever, contracted at Havana, but four of the crew surviving the scourge. His wife, Joanna, was a daughter of Thomas Mugridge, a successful farmer of Kittery. She bore her husband three children, respectively named: Samuel, Thomas, and Benjamin M.

At the time of his father's death Benjamin M. Parker was a little over a year old. In 1836, when between sixteen and seventeen years of age, he came to Portsmouth, and learned the trade of a house carpenter and joiner, and worked at the latter employment for two years. He then left that business; and in 1844 he joined the Rockingham Guards, continuing with them for four years, when he received a commission as Captain of the Fifth Company of the First Regiment of New Hampshire militia. In 1862 he was elected Secretary of the Mechanics' Association; and he remained in office till 1893, when he resigned after thirty years of faithful and efficient service. His name has been on the membership roll fifty-four years; and he is one of the oldest, if not the oldest person connected with the organization.

In 1844 Mr. Parker was joined in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Webster, a daughter of Richard Webster, of Epsom, N.H. At the close of her earthly life, in 1863, she left five children; namely, Anna, George W., Abbott B., Ida F., and William H. In 1865 Mr. Parker was married to his present wife, Miss Frances S. Norton before marriage, a daughter of Samuel M. Norton, of Kittery. This union has been blessed by the birth of four children — Alice A., the wife of William Ward; A. Thurston; Grace E., who married George E. Fife; and John S.

In political affiliation Mr. Parker has always been a Democrat. He has served as Surveyor of Wood and Lumber since 1861. From 1860 up to 1894 he held the office of Justice of the Peace. In 1863 he was made a Notary Public, and he still holds that position. Fraternally, he is a member of Piscataqua Lodge No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held nearly all the chairs. He is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State, and was a representative to the United States Grand Lodge for two years. He is a communicant of the Middle Street Baptist Church, which he joined in 1840, and has served as Warden. The year after his first marriage Mr. Parker moved into his present residence, 20 Cabot Street, which abounds with the memories and pleasant associations of the half-century that has passed since that time.

JAMES OWEN, a prosperous agriculturist of Chester, was born June 11, 1829, in Northampton, England, where his grandfather, Richard Owen, and his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Lines) Owen, spent their entire lives. Samuel Owen was a shoemaker, and worked at that trade and general farming throughout his life. He was the father of ten children, namely; Austin, John, Thomas, James, William, Isaac, Eli, Mary Ann, and two others who died in infancy.



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James Owen had very limited educational facilities in his native country. He remained beneath the parental roof until twenty years of age, and then began the battle of life for himself. He married when quite young, and for twenty or more years thereafter worked in a corset factory in England. In 1872, accompanied by his wife and children, he came to America in search of more remunerative employment. Sailing from Bristol May 4, on the "Awrongain," he landed in New York City just two weeks later. The following year he worked in a corset manufactory in Boston, Mass., there saving a little money. Going then to Kansas, he was engaged in farming in the town of Kinsley for a year. He then returned East again, and worked at corset-making for two years each in New Haven, Conn., and in Boston. Still continuing at his trade, Mr. Owen spent the next two and a half years in the cities of Detroit, Mich., and Chicago, Ill. From the latter city he came to this county, settling in Chester. Here he bought a farm, and had managed it successfully for three years when he had the misfortune to be burned out. Nothing daunted, however, he bought the farm on which he now lives, but still retained possession of his first purchase. He now owns one hundred and fifteen acres of land in this township, and carries on general farming after the most approved methods. He is also somewhat engaged in stock raising. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, and takes an earnest interest in the welfare of the district.

On September 30, 1852, in his English home, Mr. Owen married Ruth Tyler, a native of Birmingham, England. She was born June 9, 1829, a daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Hall) Tyler, the latter of whom died when Mrs. Owen was a young girl. Her father, a tin worker by trade, continued his residence in Birmingham until his death. Mrs. Owen has had seven children, namely: Sarah, who lives in Manchester, N.H.; Austin, a farmer, who married Sophia Wedow, lives near his parents, and has three children — Ruth, William, and James; Henry, who is a resident of Detroit, Mich.; William, who is Physician Director of the Young Men's Christian Association of New Bedford, Mass.; Mary, who lives with her parents; John and one child unnamed, who both died in infancy. Both parents and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEVI E. CROSS, a respected resident of Londonderry and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Hudson, N.H., in August, 1831, and is a son of Levi, born in Litchfield, N.H., and Fannie (Goodwin) Cross, born in Merrimack, N.H. His great-grandfather Cross is said to have been a Revolutionary patriot; but little has been handed down concerning the ancestry of the family. Levi Cross removed from Litchfield to Hudson, where he resided for many years. He died there previous to the outbreak of the Civil War. In political affiliation he was a Whig. His wife, Fannie, bore him seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Cyrus, who served in the Civil War, and is now residing in Amherst, N.H.; Levi E.; and Marietta, wife of Clark Holden, of Wolfboro, N.H.

Levi E. Cross received his education in the district schools of Hudson. His early years were spent on the homestead farm; and, with the exception of about a year, during which he worked at the shoemaker's trade, he has been steadily engaged in agricultural pursuits since he was old enough to work. He owns a farm of one hundred acres, the tillable portion of which he has under good cultivation; and everything about the place betokens the thrifty New England farmer. In 1861 Mr. Cross enlisted in Company A, Eighth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. This regiment went to New Orleans under command of General B. F. Butler, and was present at the surrender of that city. At the end of his term of enlistment Mr. Cross was honorably discharged; and in 1864 he again enlisted, this time in Company F, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, with which he participated, under General Grant, in the siege of Petersburg, and was at Appomattox when General Lee surrendered. He received his final discharge in the spring of 1865, and since that time has resided in

Londonderry, where he enjoys the good will and respect of his neighbors and many friends.

Mr. Cross married Miss Mary J. Miller, of Hudson, N.H., and they are the parents of the following children: Anna F., wife of Walter B. Chase; Ella M.; George E.; Charles D.; Martena (deceased); and Arthur H. Mr. and Mrs. Cross are communicants of the Baptist church. In political views Mr. Cross is a Republican. He is a member of Wesley B. Knight Post, No. 41, Grand Army of the Republic.

FRANK W. DANIELSON, a foreman in the factory of the Portsmouth Shoe Company, was born in this town, April 6, 1858, son of Daniel and Adeline F. (Grover) Danielson. The Danielsons are old residents of the town. Grandfather Danielson came here from Norway before the year 1800, and engaged in the real estate and shipping business. At his death he left a large property to his heirs. His wife was related to Lord Nelson, the celebrated British admiral. Her life needed but four years to complete a century when she died. Her husband's death occurred at the age of sixty-one. They reared six children, of whom Daniel was the second-born.

Daniel Danielson, who is a native of Portsmouth, born September 8, 1830, worked at the blacksmith's trade as journeyman for forty years. He is now employed in the finishing-room of the Portsmouth Shoe Company's factory. In politics he has been a Republican since he cast his first vote in a Presidential election for Franklin Pierce in 1852. At one time he served in the office of Health Inspector. When the Civil War broke out he joined the United States Navy, and served for eighteen months on the frigate "Macedonia." Upon being discharged from the navy at the expiration of his term of service in 1862, he immediately enlisted in Company K, Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, with the rank of Corporal, and subsequently shared in the actions at Fort Hudson and Fort Burton on the Red River. In the course of his service the duties of Sergeant frequently devolved upon him. While on the Red River he received a wound in the leg that obliged him to remain in the hospital for three weeks. He is a member of Stooer Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Kearsarge Veterans. In religion he is a Free Will Baptist, having been a member of that church for many years. His wife, who is a daughter of Captain John Grover, of York, Me., has borne him four boys, of whom three are living. These are: John, who is a conductor on the Western Division, Boston & Maine Railroad, and resides in Portland, Me.; Alfred H., who is a finisher in the employment of the Portsmouth Shoe Company, and lives in Greenland, this county; and Frank W., the chief subject of this notice.

Frank W. Danielson, who is the second child of his parents, after receiving his education in the public schools, worked for three years as clerk in the wholesale store of Spaulding & Parrott, iron dealers of Portsmouth. At the end of that period the store was closed, and Mr. Danielson obtained employment in the factory of the Portsmouth Shoe Company as finisher. Two years later, in 1882, he was appointed foreman of the finishing-room, a position which he has filled with credit up to the present time. In 1892 he received the further charge of the making department, and he has since superintended both departments to the complete satisfaction of his employers.

In 1884, March 9, he was united in matrimony with Lucy A. Burke, daughter of B. F. Burke, of Portsmouth. They have had five children, of whom one died in infancy, and another at a later period of pneumonia. The three survivors are boys. In addition to being a member of the Free Will Baptist church, he has been treasurer of the society for some time, clerk of the same for fourteen years, and a Trustee, as well as Sunday-school superintendent for about eight years. He has also been Vice-President of the Christian Endeavorers for the past two years. He takes no active interest in politics, while his principles are Democratic. His first vote was cast in behalf of Frank Jones for Governor of the State and in behalf of General Hancock for President of the United States. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Work-

men, and of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

GREENLEAF K. BARTLETT, attorney-at-law, Derry, N.H., was born in this town, June 17, 1856. He is the eldest son now living of Greenleaf C. and Charlotte J. (Kelly) Bartlett, and a descendant of Richard Bartlett, who came from England in 1637, and settled at Bartlett's Cove in Newbury, Mass.

His father, Greenleaf C. Bartlett, was born in Nottingham, Rockingham County, N.H. He read law in Epping, this county, and was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1847, having passed the usual State examination. He practised first in Salem, this county, moving to Derry in 1855, and for many years was prominent as an attorney in this section, building up a large and lucrative practice through the strength of his own merits alone. A Republican in political preference, he was one of the strong men of the party, and represented Derry in the State legislature for two years. In local matters he was active and prominent, giving of his time and money for the improvement of the town. His death occurred April 10, 1893. He was for many years identified with the Masonic Order, belonging to St. Mark's Lodge at Derry, and was buried with Masonic rites. His wife, who was a native of Salem, this county, died April 13, 1896. Of their children the following are living: Greenleaf K., subject of this sketch; Charles; William; and Jennie S. Bartlett.

Greenleaf K. Bartlett was reared to man's estate in Derry, receiving his early education at Pinkerton Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1873. He read law with his father, and was admitted to practice in February, 1878, working with his father from 1879 until the death of the latter in 1893. Father and son conducted a large and successful general practice under the firm name of G. C. & G. K. Bartlett; and, when the head of the firm died, the younger man easily assumed the management. He now controls a large legal business, and at the same time is active in other business enterprises. He is a member of the insurance firm of Bartlett & Shepard, is a Director and at present Vice-President of the Derry National Bank, a Director of the Chester & Derry Railroad Association, and President of the Derry Electric Light Company.

Mr. Bartlett is a Republican in politics, actively interested in local public affairs. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and is Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Derry, High Priest of Bell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the same town, and a member of Trinity Commandery, Knights Templars, of Manchester, N.H. He is identified also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias.

Charles Bartlett is a graduate of Pinkerton Academy and a man of versatile business talent. A practical druggist, he is proprietor of a drug store in Derry; editor and publisher of the *Derry News* (an influential local journal); is one of the projectors and a Director of the Chester & Derry Railroad Association, which is to operate an electric line between Derry and Chester, N.H.; and a Director of the Derry Electric Light Company. He, too, is a Republican, and is at present Town Treasurer of Derry.

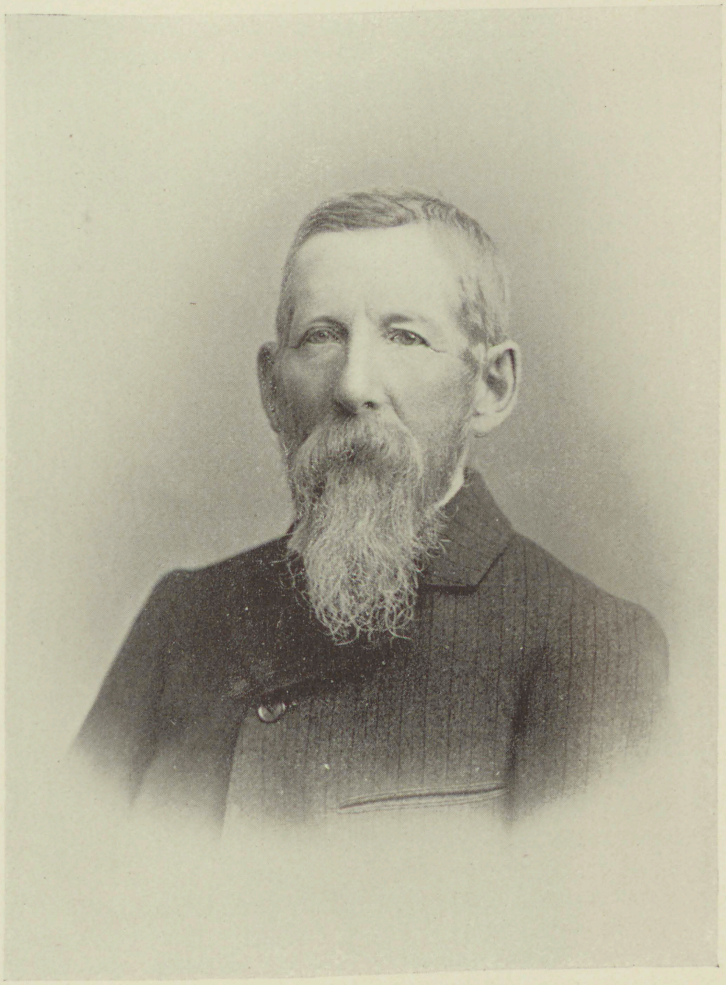
ALBERT L. REMICK, keeper of the life-saving station at Rye Beach, Rockingham County, was born in the town of Rye, December 25, 1854. His father, David Remick, was a son of Joseph and Sally (Clark) Remick, lifelong residents of this town, belonging to the thrifty community of farmers. David Remick, who was born and educated in Rye, learned when a young man the trade of a stone mason, at which he worked during his life, besides carrying on general farming. He lived to the good old age of seventy-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Abby Johnson, was a native of Rye also. They had but two children — Albert L. and George O. George O. is connected with the life-saving service, being stationed at Wallace Sands, where he has lived for the past fourteen years. To him and his wife, Clara E., two children have been born — Emma and Austin.

Albert L. Remick obtained his education in the district schools of his native place, and from that time until attaining his majority he was engaged in nautical pursuits. Since 1875 Mr. Remick has been connected with the life-saving service, and, before assuming charge of the Rye station, gave assistance in sixteen wrecks, often at the risk of his own life. Since accepting his present responsible office, he has been instrumental in saving the following vessels and lives: September 3, 1884, the sloop "Bertie"; October 15, 1884, the schooner "Statesman"; a man in an open boat; the schooners "Express," "Nettie Adams," "Darius Eddy," "Flying Dart," "Chilian," "The Rising Star"; three small boats that he picked up; the sloop "Sea Gull"; a man who had lost his oars, and had drifted from Newburyport, Mass., in a small dory; two nearly drowned men; these, with the schooners "Elder" and "Glendon," completing the list of persons and vessels that he has rescued or assisted. The life-saving service when first established, in 1874, was rudely and meagrely equipped; but each year important additions have been made to its apparatus and appurtenances, rendering it one of the most valuable and efficient institutions of the government. Mr. Remick married Miss Annie C. Mace, daughter of John Mace, of Rye; and into their pleasant household circle three children have been born — Mabel L., Walter H., and Albert M.

PERLEY C. ROBINSON, who is now somewhat retired from the active pursuits of life, was for many years one of the most substantial and prominent business men of Fremont, N.H., and an important factor in advancing the prosperity and growth of the town. He was born here on February 26, 1830, and is a great-grandson of Josiah Robinson, who served as a drummer boy in the French War, and later was one of the early settlers in what is now the township of Fremont, being the first of the family to make his home in Northern New England. Mr. Robinson still has in his possession the drum carried by his great-grandfather.

Ezekiel Robinson, a carpenter and farmer, son of Josiah, spent his entire life in Fremont township, as did his wife, who was formerly a Miss Carr. Their son, Perley Robinson, the father of Perley C., likewise lived and died in this his native town, where he owned and improved a farm. He was a man of varied abilities, being a skilful carpenter and also a custom tailor, making the latter trade his chief occupation through life, giving it up but a few years before his death, which occurred in 1887. He married Polly Currier, a native of Salisbury, Mass, now deceased. Three of their six children are now living; namely, Perley C., Lizzie J., and Albert B. The last two reside on the old Robinson homestead in this township. The others were: Polly B., the wife of the late Joseph A. Smith; Abigail A.; and John C.

Perley C. Robinson received a common-school education, and on the home farm was initiated into the mysteries of farming, spending the first twenty-six years of his life on the parental homestead. He then started out on his own account, even with the world. Without a penny in his pocket, he began work as a clerk in a store of general merchandise in Fremont village, continuing three years. Going then to Haverhill, Mass., he worked in a dry-goods store four years, subsequently occupying a similar position in a Boston store for a year. After working in a shoe store in Lawrence, Mass., for another year, Mr. Robinson returned to Haverhill, where he entered a shoe factory, and for about a year worked on the first machine-sewed shoes ever manufactured. Leaving that position, he came back to Fremont, and here established himself in business, investing the money which he had accumulated in a stock of general merchandise; and for thirty years he carried on a lucrative business. Mr. Robinson is now a real estate owner, being the possessor of six houses, five of which bring him a good annual rental, and two farms, embracing about a hundred acres of land. He has made many substantial improvements on his farms; and he built the store in the village, thus assisting in the growth of the town, while adding to his own prosperity. He keeps busy a portion of the time in the insurance busi-



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ness, being agent for two companies, the Rockingham Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company and the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company.

Politically, Mr. Robinson is a Free Trader; and he uniformly casts his vote with the Democratic party. For two years he served as Town Treasurer, and for four years on the School Board. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Rockingham Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, N.H.; to St. Alban Chapter, No. 15, Royal Arch Masons, of Exeter; and to the Trinity Commandery, Knights Templars, of Manchester, this State. He is also a member of the Fremont Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Industrious, enterprising, self-reliant, he has bravely won his way by hard work; and he enjoys the respect and good will of the community where he dwells.

Mr. Robinson was married, May 4, 1863, to Miss Dora Webster, who was born October 21, 1842, in this township, a daughter of Benjamin P. and Clara C. (Gibson) Webster. Mrs. Webster is not living, her death having occurred September 23, 1874; and Mr. Webster now makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson has been blessed by the birth of four children, namely: Nellie May, who died November 19, 1889; Abbie Louise, who is teaching in Fremont; Eva Gertrude, who resides in Brighton, Mass., being the wife of Louis H. Hamlin, of that place; and Clara Emma, who lives with her parents.

REV. RUFUS P. GARDNER, pastor of the Congregational church at Hampstead, was born in Orland, Me., September 14, 1858, son of Jesse and Abigail J. (Hatch) Gardner. His grandfather, Peleg Gardner, was a native of Castine, Me. A competent and energetic house carpenter, Peleg Gardner followed his trade in his native town up to the time of his death, by which time he had accumulated a good property. He owned much land, and devoted part of his time to agriculture, in which also he was very successful. As a member of the old Whig party he was very prominent in town affairs, filling many offices of trust, and died at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife attained the advanced age of eighty-two. Both were members of the Methodist church. They had eleven children, two of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Mary S. Heath, of Castine; and Peleg, who resides in the State of Ohio. Jesse, the father of the Rev. Rufus Gardner, was the third youngest child.

Jesse Gardner, born in Castine, June 10, 1819, was a ship-carpenter in early life, and became accustomed to doing fine work. Later he turned his attention to house building, at which he was quite successful. After living in Orland for a number of years, he moved to Castine in 1868 and to Boston in 1871. He built many large structures by contract, several of which are still standing to-day in different parts of New England as monuments of his skill. It was he who erected the State Asylum at Middletown, Conn., and the Union Passenger Station at Worcester, Mass. His last work was done on the Insane Asylum at Danvers, Mass. He performed his contracts promptly and well, and he was known far and wide for his upright dealing. In 1887 he retired to his homestead at Castine, where he died in 1890, aged seventy-one years. He was a Republican in politics, and served for some time as Selectman of Castine. He was a Master Mason, and at his death he was a prominent member of the lodge in Castine. In 1842 he was married to Abigail J., daughter of Jonathan Hatch, of Castine. Mrs. Gardner, who was born July 24, 1819, is now living in Danvers, Mass. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was her husband. She had seven children, of whom George W. and Rufus P. are living. George W., who was born in Orland, October 18, 1852, married Catherine C. Ramsey, of Prince Edward Island, Canada, and has two children — Annie and Abbie J.

The Rev. Rufus P. Gardner, after graduating from the Castine High School, completed a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Boston, from which he graduated in 1876. He subsequently graduated from the Eastern State Normal School in 1878, after which he taught in the seminary at Bucksport, Me., for two years. Then, be-

coming interested in missionary work, he labored as an evangelist in the State of Maine for two years. In 1883 he entered the Theological School at Bangor, Me., and in 1886 graduated therefrom, and was settled as pastor over the Congregational church at Waldoboro, Me. Having spent two years here, he accepted in 1888 a call to the church in Marion, Mass., which was under his charge five years. On December 5, 1893, he assumed the duties of his present charge. In the short time that has since elapsed he has done a great deal for the church. He is very popular among his associates, and has won the esteem of many outside his own particular field. Mr. Gardner is Secretary and Chairman of the Business Committee of Taber Academy of Marion, Mass., which was organized in 1889, this being his seventh year in office. He is also a trustee of an industrial school at Manassas, Va., and President of the Board of Trustees of the Hampstead High School.

Mr. Gardner has been twice married. His first wife, in maidenhood Miss Ada Myrick, of Hampden, Me., was the mother of one child, Ada B., born December 23, 1881. His second marriage took place June 8, 1886, when his bride was Belle B., daughter of George O. and Hannah Clement, of Freedom, Me. By this union also he has one child, Harold P., born December 23, 1890. As a Mason Mr. Gardner is a member of Pythagorean Lodge of Marion, Mass.; and as an Odd Fellow he belongs to Germania Lodge, No. 76, of Waldoboro, Me.

JOHN SANBORN CRAM, whose death in 1883 deprived Hampton Falls of one of her most enterprising citizens, was born in this town, July 23, 1825, son of Joseph and Sally (Sanborn) Cram. He was a direct descendant of John Cram, who came to New Hampshire with the Rev. Mr. Wheelwright, the pioneer minister of Exeter, in 1638. John Cram, after residing for a while in Exeter, settled in Hampton, where he died in 1682. He is spoken of in the town records, it is said, as "good old John Cram in his generation." (See History of Exeter, N.H.) John Cram's son Benjamin was the father of a second John Cram; and Jonathan, first, son of John, second, had a son, Nehemiah, who was the father of Jonathan, second, Mr. John S. Cram's grandfather. This last-named Jonathan Cram was a prominent farmer of Hampton Falls. His wife's maiden name was Rhoda Tilton. Their son Joseph was the father of the direct subject of this sketch, now to be further spoken of.

John Sanborn Cram obtained his education in a district school in Hampton Falls and Pembroke Academy. He was engaged in general farming in his native town for a while; and then, going to Minnesota, he bought a large tract of prairie land. After a stay of four years in the West he sold his land, and, returning home, purchased a farm at Hampton Falls, on which he made many improvements, erecting a fine set of buildings. But he was not content to settle down in his native town while there was money to be made elsewhere without the expenditure of the time and labor necessary for successful farming operations here; and he again started westward, stopping at Oil City, Pa., where he remained a year. He then went to Florida, and became interested in orange raising; but there he met with an accident from which he never recovered. He died in Florida, October 7, 1883. Mr. Cram served as Selectman of Hampton Falls, and was for some time a member of the School Committee. He was identified with the Unitarian church. He was married to Lucy Ellen Blake, daughter of Ira Blake, of Kensington, this county, in 1851; and three children who blessed this union attained maturity — Ellen Parker, Edith Gilbert, and Joseph Blake. Edith is a successful music teacher in North Attleboro, Mass.

JOSEPH BLAKE CRAM was born at Hampton Falls, January 1, 1870, and acquired his education in his native town. After his father's death he took charge of the farm at Hampton Falls, which he has since successfully managed. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, and has some handsome cattle. He is well versed in agricultural science, and is a prominent member of the grange of Patrons of Husbandry at

Hampton Falls. A Republican in politics, he has entered on his second year as a Selectman of the town.

WILLIAM GILES, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for more than threescore years in East Kingston, was born September 19, 1814, in the town of Lee, Strafford County, son of Paul and Sarah (Randall) Giles. Both parents were lifelong residents of that place. Their family included nine children; namely, Paul, Jr., William, John, Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah, Charles, Job, and Joseph. Besides William but two of these children are now living. These are: Susan, who lives in Kensington, now the widow of the late Edwin Stevens; and Job, who resides in Haverhill, Mass.

William Giles attended the district school as the opportunity offered, up to the age of thirteen years, when he began to make his own living. During the first three years thereafter he worked in a country hotel at Lee, doing the errands of the house and assisting on the farm. Coming then to Epping in this county, he worked at the tanner's and shoemaker's trade for three years. At the end of that time he returned to the town in which he was born, and there worked at shoemaking until his marriage. In 1837 he bought a farm in Lee, which he successfully conducted until 1855, when he came to East Kingston. Here he bought his present farm property. This he has since managed with manifest skill and judgment. It contains one hundred and sixty acres of land, much of it in a good state of cultivation. Besides raising the usual grains, vegetables, and fruit, he pays considerable attention to stock raising. Having started in life with no other capital than brains, a willingness to labor, and the usual amount of muscle, Mr. Giles is a good sample of our self-made men. In politics Mr. Giles has always gone with the Democratic party. He has served the community as Selectman for several terms, and in 1875 he represented the town in the State legislature.

On January 24, 1837, Mr. Giles married Miss Mary Jane Langley, who was born in Alton, N.H. Having been left an orphan when quite young, she was reared by relatives in Lee. She died October 4, 1888, leaving five children — Sarah, George, Charles W., Alvin, and Willard. Sarah is the wife of B. Judson Perkins. George, who is engaged in farming in this township, married Miss Salome B. Parker. Charles W. married Isabella Wadleigh, with whom he resides in Kensington. Alvin is a resident of California, where he is chiefly engaged in buying and selling stock. Willard, who is unmarried, lives on the home farm.

JENNESS RAND is one of the progressive agriculturists of Rye. He was born December 14, 1838, on the homestead which he now occupies, son of Samuel H. and Emily (Jenness) Rand. His grandfather, Joseph Rand, who was also a native of the town, contributed his full share toward developing the agricultural resources of this section of the State. Joseph Rand was a fisherman in his early life. Afterward he was engaged in farming, and continued a resident of Rye until his death, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He married a Miss Marden, who spent her life in this town. They became the parents of eight children, namely: Joseph, born January 21, 1796; Samuel H., born April 28, 1803; Eliza, born November 14, 1804; Nathaniel, born September 16, 1806; Mary, born January 29, 1808; Susan, born July 28, 1809; Levi, born April 23, 1811; and Ira, born September 28, 1814. Nathaniel learned the blacksmith's trade in Rye, and afterward moved to Maine, where he married, reared a family, and was succeeded in business by one of his sons. Ira, the youngest son, became the owner of the original Rand homestead, and at his death left it to his two sons, Gilman and Albert, who now reside there.

Samuel H. Rand, likewise a native of Rye, was educated in the district schools. Early in life he decided upon farming as the means by which he should earn a livelihood. Soon after his marriage he located on the farm now owned by his son, J. Jenness; and from that

time until his demise, January 5, 1876, he was prosperously employed in his chosen occupation. Of his marriage with Emily Jenness, who was a daughter of Jonathan and Abigail Jenness, of this town, but one child was born, J. Jenness. The mother passed away, August 5, 1866, at the age of fifty-nine years.

J. Jenness Rand received his elementary education in the district schools of Rye, and afterward continued his studies at a select school for a time. Succeeding to the homestead on which he was reared, he has since been closely identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of his native town, and is one of its most respected residents. During the late Rebellion Mr. Rand was drafted into the service of his country. In his political affiliations he is a steadfast Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. He has served acceptably in the capacity of Road Surveyor of Rye. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, being a member of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, of Portsmouth. On January 11, 1865, Mr. Rand married Martha A. Marden, daughter of Samuel and Cecilia (Foye) Marden, of Rye. They have two sons — Herman O. and Edgar J. Herman O., a mason by trade, living in Rye, married Miss Lizzie A. Rand, daughter of H. S. Rand, of Rye.

REV. CURTIS HOYT DICKENS, pastor of the Church of Christ, First Universalist Parish, of Portsmouth, was born July 24, 1865, in Brookfield, Conn., son of Samuel Francis and Kathryn Drake (Elwood) Dickens. His grandfather, Simon M. Dickens, in his early manhood came from Kent County, England, to the United States about the year 1820. Simon's occupation was that of a contractor of mason work, which he followed in Ridgefield, Conn., until his death in 1865. To him and his wife, who was an English woman bearing the name of Kathryn Drake prior to her marriage, six children were born, most of whom have passed away.

Samuel Francis Dickens, Simon's eldest child, learned the mason's trade from his father, and made it his life occupation, following it for the larger part of the time at Purdy's Station, Westchester County, N.Y. He died at Norwalk, Conn., at the early age of forty-two years, his death being the result of a cold contracted while hunting. A successful and able business man, he had the respect of his fellow-townsmen of Purdy's Station, who elected him Selectman for several years. In religion he had a firm belief in the God-love truth of universal redemption, and was a valued member of the Universalist church. He married Kathryn Drake Elwood, daughter of John Elwood, of New Haven, Conn., and became the father of two children — Curtis H. and Charles.

The Rev. Curtis Hoyt Dickens, the younger son of Samuel F., from his earliest years manifested a love for learning. After leaving the common schools of Purdy's Station, he completed the course of a business college in Philadelphia, and then entered Tufts College, Massachusetts, graduating from that institution with the class of 1894, on which occasion he was marshal of the class. While in college, having a fine baritone voice, he was a member of the Tufts College Glee Club, with which he made a tour of the United States, for a time being soloist. After his graduation Mr. Dickens accepted a call to his present pastorate, where his labors have greatly increased the society, and aroused in it much energy and enthusiasm. At his first sermon in the church the attendance numbered but twenty-three, while now more than a hundred regularly attend each service.

On July 17, 1894, Mr. Dickens was married to Olive Springer Cochrane, who was born in Woonsocket, R.I., daughter of George Harris and Mary Jane (Jackson) Cochrane. On the maternal side Mrs. Dickens is descended from John Adams and Andrew Jackson. Mrs. Dickens, who is a woman of culture, has considerable artistic talent, as evidenced by many paintings of hers, both in oil and water colors, decorating the walls of her home. Mr. Dickens is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Massasoit Tribe, No. 16; of Paugassett Tribe, No. 3, of Danbury, Conn., of which he is a charter member, and in which he was for a time one of the working team; of



EDWARD A. WITHERELL.

Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; and of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

EVERETT E. THOMPSON, a shoemaker and farmer residing in Brentwood township, was born in the town of Nottingham, this county, April 29, 1855. He is a son of Jonathan Thompson, a native of Durham, Strafford County, now residing in Nottingham, where he has been engaged in farming for many years. Jonathan Thompson worked as a machinist in his younger days, being first employed in the locomotive shops at Manchester, this State, and afterward in Lowell, Mass. After leaving Lowell, he located on a farm in Nottingham, which has since been his permanent home. At one period of his residence here he was engaged in lumbering. He is now retired from active pursuits, although both he and his wife are living on their farm. He was married in July, 1845, to Mary A. Doe, a native of Rockingham County; and in July, 1895, they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. They have had nine children, as follows: Joseph Henry, now of Deerfield township; Susan J., now the wife of John A. Seaward, of Strafford, N.H.; Rose, the wife of Leroy Osgood, of Nottingham; Charles, a resident of Nottingham; George, who died at the age of nine years; Everett E., the subject of this sketch; Anson F., now of Nottingham township; and two that died in early infancy.

Everett E. Thompson obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and at a private school. He remained with his parents until his marriage, when he went to Newfield, N.H., where he worked at farming for eighteen months. Returning to Nottingham, he engaged in carrying the United States mail from Lee station to East Northwood for a time. When daily deliveries were introduced, he changed his place of residence to Northwood, where he lived for three years, carrying the mail in the meantime from both Northwood and Lee. He then moved to South New Market, this county, where he worked for a year in the machine shop, and subsequently at farming. In 1882 Mr. Thompson came to Brentwood, and here bought the property known as the Masten farm, on which he has since lived. His farm contains forty acres, and is in a good state of cultivation. Besides carrying on mixed husbandry very successfully, he works at shoemaking, having quite a number of customers, who esteem him a superior workman.

On November 9, 1876, Mr. Thompson married Nellie J. Smith, of Nottingham, a daughter of the late Stephen Smith and his wife, Mary (Burley) Smith, who is now living in Nottingham. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have three children — Fred J., Jessie May, and Mara Nellie. In politics Mr. Thompson affiliates with the Republican party, and takes an active interest in local affairs. He was Selectman of the township for three years, being Chairman of the Board one year, and was Constable for two years. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Geneva Lodge, No. 180, of Epping, N.H.

EDWARD A. WITHERELL, senior member of the firm of Witherell & Collins, manufacturers of women's, misses', and children's slippers at South Danville, N.H., was born in Fremont, another Rockingham County town, July 27, 1859. His father, Orrin O. Witherell, removed from Fremont to Ohio many years ago, settling in the town of Weights, Wood County, where he is engaged in farming and manufacturing lumber, owning a saw-mill.

Orrin O. Witherell first married Miss Sarah M. Collins, who died a few years after their marriage, leaving four children, namely: Charles; Frank, who was killed by an accident; Edward A., the special subject of this brief biography; and William. The father subsequently married Minnie Philbrick, a native of Rockland, Me., and of this union eight children have been born, as follows: Mattie, Albert, Velmer, Mertie, Leila, Arthur, Verna, and Clement.

Edward Witherell was but a little fellow of six years when he was deprived of a mother's care and guidance. Much of his early life was spent in Ohio, where he acquired his education, completing his studies in the Toledo High School. Wishing to turn his mechan-

ical ability to account, he learned the trade of hard-wood finishing, at which he afterward worked in the cities of Toledo, Cincinnati, and Chicago. Coming from the great Western metropolis to Danville, Mr. Witherell worked at the shoemaker's trade, and here learned to make a "turned shoe." In 1887 he formed a partnership with Mr. M. A. Collins, of South Danville, continuing in business with him a year. The following five years Mr. Witherell was engaged in the manufacture of slippers; and then, as his business had increased, he took in as an equal partner Mr. Clarence M. Collins. This enterprising and progressive firm employ about one hundred men in their business, their plant being among the leading factories of South Danville, and turning out a large number of slippers of a superior grade each month. Their trade, which is exclusively wholesale, covers all of the Eastern States, and extends westward to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Witherell was married December 31, 1885, to Miss Cora M. Collins, of South Danville, a daughter of J. H. Collins, a well-known resident of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Witherell have one child, Martin C., born August 28, 1891. Socially, Mr. Witherell is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Kingston, and St. Albans Chapter of Exeter. Politically, he affiliates with the Republican party.

ALBERTUS COBURN, a prominent and esteemed resident of Salem in his time, was born in Milford, N.H., March 24, 1815, son of Job and Abiah Coburn. (Further particulars respecting his parents will be found in the sketch of Eliphalet Coburn, of North Salem.)

When a young man he removed with his parents to the town of Salem, and shortly after settled on the farm where his daughter, Sarah F. Coburn, now resides. He had attended the public schools of his native town in his youth, but such education as he had was mostly self-acquired afterward. He was a great reader all his life, and in that way gained much general information. He kept himself well informed on all the more important subjects of the day, and easily held his own wherever he went. His farm contained one hundred and twenty-three acres. On it stood his dwelling, a handsome structure, in which he took much pride, though it was said to be about one hundred years old.

Mr. Coburn was married to Mrs. Charlotte Sanborn, the widow of John Sanborn and a daughter of Judge William Spencer, of Corinth, Vt., her native State. The three children born of this marriage were: Sarah F., Etta J., and George A. Etta J. is now the wife of John P. Atwood, of North Salem; and George A. is deceased. The mother died July 1, 1869. Mr. Coburn subsequently contracted a second marriage, by which he was united to Elizabeth P. Chase, who died in April in the year 1894.

Mr. Coburn took a lively interest in the welfare of the town, and served it for a time as Selectman. An obliging neighbor, a faithful friend, and a charming and pleasant acquaintance, he was generally respected and admired. He died March 11, 1895, mourned by all who had enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance.

HIRAM L. ROWELL, a dealer in general merchandise at East Kingston village, was born January 21, 1837, in Haverhill, Mass., son of Leonard F. and Sarah Louisa (Kimball) Rowell. Leonard F. Rowell was a native of Vermont, where he spent a large portion of his life in the pursuit of agriculture. For a few years he carried on general farming in Haverhill, Mass.; but he returned to his native State in 1844, and there spent his remaining days. He married Sarah Louisa Kimball, a native of Haverhill, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Lucy, Caroline, and George, now deceased; Hiram L., the subject of this sketch; Lydia, the wife of Charles Andrews, of Berlin, Vt.; Gardner B., who married Ella Andrews, and resides at Berlin, Vt.; Aaron, a resident of Montpelier, Vt.; John C., an engineer, living at Montpelier, who married Belle Lenox; and Hattie, the wife of Henry Reed, of Berlin, Vt.

Hiram L. Rowell remained beneath the pa-

rental roof-tree until eighteen years of age, when he came from Vermont to East Kingston in order to learn the shoemaker's trade with his brother. He subsequently worked for him and others until 1863, when he enlisted in the Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry as Sutler of the regiment. In 1864 he was transferred to another regiment, and until the close of the war stationed in Maryland. He passed through many exciting scenes, including some of those enacted the night of President Lincoln's assassination in Washington, where he was then stopping. On his return to Rockingham County, Mr. Rowell was engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes in East Kingston village for five or six years. He subsequently removed to Milton, N.H., where, besides carrying on a good business as a merchant for some months, he had the supervision of a shoe manufactory. Going thence to Rochester, this State, he was there employed in the boot and shoe business for one year, after which he returned to East Kingston and established his present store. He carries an excellent assortment of general merchandise, and is a large dealer in wood and coal, which he sells throughout the township. He is Postmaster of the village, the post-office being located in his store. In politics he is a steadfast Republican. He served as Town Clerk for three years, and for the past ten years he has been Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. He also accommodates the travelling public at a small but well-managed and popular hotel, and ably discharges the duties of an auctioneer whenever his services in that capacity are demanded.

On September 16, 1870, Mr. Rowell married Miss Clara F. Batchelder, a native of East Kingston, born July 30, 1848. Her father, Nathaniel Batchelder, was a carpenter by trade, spent his life in this township, and died in 1885. Mrs. Batchelder, whose maiden name was Abbie Marsh, was also a lifelong resident of East Kingston, and died here, March 2, 1896. She bore her husband three other children — Austin F., Abbie L., and Etta E. Abbie L. lives in Newton township, this county; and Etta E. lives in Nashua, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Rowell had ten children, as follows: Albert L., born February 10, 1872; Hattie M., born April 26, 1874; Irving H., born September 7, 1875; Charles W., born September 17, 1877; Eddie A., born August 31, 1879; Walter G., born April 8, 1884, who died August 16 following; Annie T., born August 2, 1885; Marion L., born May 11, 1889; Allen B., born June 29, 1892, who died January 17, 1894; and Fred B., born June 9, 1895. Mrs. Rowell attends the Methodist Episcopal Church of East Kingston village.

JESSE GIBSON, living in retirement at Derry, was born June 10, 1816, in Pelham, Hillsborough County. His parents, Jesse Gibson, Sr., and Sarah (Atwood) Gibson, both lifelong residents of the county, were natives of Pelham. Jesse Gibson, Sr., a son of James Gibson, who was born and reared in Hillsborough County, grew to manhood in Pelham, and became one of the most honored and respected residents of the town. He represented it in the State legislature for a time, and was Selectman for a number of years. After attaining a ripe old age he died in 1876, leaving three children. These were: Jesse, the subject of this sketch; Sarah, now the wife of Alexander McMurphy, of Derry; and James, who resides in Lowell, Mass. The father was a man of upright character, and, though not united by membership with any religious organization, was a regular attendant at divine worship, and contributed liberally toward the support of the churches. In politics he was a sound Democrat.

Jesse Gibson lived on the parental homestead until he attained man's estate, obtaining his education in the common schools of his native town. Desirous then of changing his occupation, Mr. Gibson removed to Manchester, N.H., at that time but a hamlet, and there carried on a thriving mercantile business for several years. Coming thence to Derry, he was engaged in business here for a number of years, and then returned to Pelham, where he lived with his parents until their demise. In 1884 he returned to Derry, and is here living in retirement, enjoying the fruits of his industry and enterprise in earlier years. He is a steadfast Republican in politics, support-

ing the principles of that party by voice and vote.

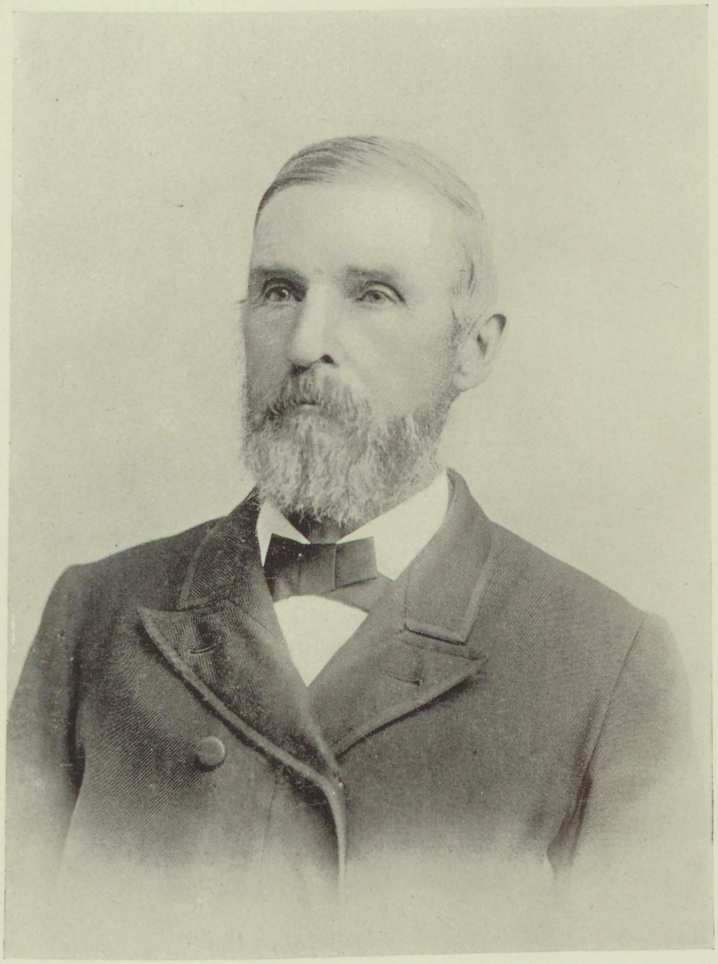
Mr. Gibson was married October 26, 1854, to Miss Hannah Carter, who was born October 8, 1828, in Concord, N.H. Mrs. Gibson's parents were Simeon and Eliza (Abbott) Carter, both natives of Concord, this State. Her grandfather, Moses Carter, was an early settler of Concord and a son of Joseph Carter, who distinguished himself by bravery in the Revolutionary War. She is also of pioneer ancestry on her mother's side, as the Abbotts, who were among the earliest settlers of Andover, Mass., afterward helped to lay the foundations of Concord. Mrs. Gibson and her sister, Mrs. Elvira George, of Lowell, Mass., are the only survivors of their parents' children. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have no children of their own; but they have one adopted daughter, Miss Hattie Gibson. Mrs. Gibson is a member of the Congregational church. Both she and her husband are highly esteemed throughout the community.

CAPTAIN GEORGE N. SHEPARD, Postmaster at West Epping, N.H., an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Epping on August 14, 1824, son of Samuel and Hannah S. (Norris) Shepard.

Joseph Shepard, Sr., Captain Shepard's great-grandfather, removed from Gilmanton, N.H., to Epping, and during his active period was identified with the agricultural development of the town. He bought the old Harriman farm, which was originally cleared and improved by Asa Harriman, great-grandfather of Colonel Harriman, Commander of the Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, and ex-Governor of the State; and he managed the property with energy and success until his death, which took place on May 11, 1793. His wife, Anna Shepard, died March 27, 1807, aged seventy-seven years. Their son, Joseph Shepard, Jr., Captain Shepard's grandfather, was a native of Gilmanton, born March 27, 1769, and died November 9, 1845. He was one of the most prominent residents of Epping, being a farmer and surveyor; and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for twenty-two years in succession. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Gove, was born May 28, 1767, and died August 16, 1849.

Samuel Shepard, son of Joseph and Jane, was born on June 18, 1798. He was a farmer, a merchant, and a land surveyor. He also engaged in teaching, his short life being one of active usefulness. He enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen; and, although his quiet, unassuming nature prevented him from aspiring to political honors, he was elected to some of the important town offices. He died December 16, 1834. His wife, formerly Hannah S. Norris, a native of Raymond, N.H., survived him many years, and died in 1882.

George N. Shepard was in his eleventh year when he lost his father. He acquired a good education, commencing his studies in the public schools of Epping and Dover, and completing them at Hampton Academy. He resided at home with his mother until starting out in life for himself as a clerk in this town, and some three or four years later he returned to the farm. After that he taught school for some time, did considerable land surveying, acted as Justice of the Peace and conveyancer, drawing up deeds, contracts, wills, etc., and was thus employed until 1855. He then visited Iowa on a prospecting tour, and bought a tract of land in Benton County, with the intention of settling there; but circumstances prevented him from taking this move. Returning to Epping, he continued to reside here until after the breaking out of the Rebellion, when he enlisted as First Lieutenant of Company A, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service from the fall of 1862 to the close of the war. He participated in several of the most decisive engagements of the war, receiving a gunshot wound in the left side at the battle of Fredericksburg and another in the left hip at Cold Harbor; and he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and assigned to duty as Commander of Company I of the Eleventh Regiment. When the war was over, and he had received his discharge, he returned once more to the Epping farm, where he resided for a year;



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and, associating himself with W. N. Dow, he engaged in general mercantile and lumber business at West Epping. The firm carried on a large and profitable trade until 1876, when Captain Shepard bought his partner's interest. He has since conducted the business alone with continued success.

In politics he acts with the Republicans, taking a lively interest in local, State, and national issues; and his well-known ability makes him of especial value to the party in this section. For nine years he has been Chairman of the School Board, being at the present time treasurer of the school district, has been Postmaster at West Epping since 1876, and represented his town in the legislature for two years, 1860–62, with unusual vigor.

On December 30, 1845, Captain Shepard was united in marriage with Rowena L. Thyng, daughter of Dudley Thyng, a prosperous farmer and well-known resident of Deerfield. Of the children born of this union the only survivor is Herman T., a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy, of Harvard College, and of the Andover Theological Seminary, who is now a Congregationalist minister in South Dakota. Captain and Mrs. Shepard are members of the Congregational church. On December 30, 1895, their many friends and acquaintances assembled at their residence to celebrate their golden wedding, on the completion of a half-century of married life; and the event was a most pleasant and memorable one.

We are happy to present herewith a portrait of Captain Shepard, who is very popular in this community and a special favorite among the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is highly respected as a thoroughly upright man, a public-spirited citizen, influential in educational affairs and active in all matters relating to the general welfare.

RUEL G. SHAPLEY, one of the well-to-do farmers of Rye, was born here, October 23, 1825. He comes of pioneer stock, his great-grandfather, Henry Shapley, who was born and reared on the Isles of Shoals, having been among the first settlers of this section of the county. Henry Shapley was a merchant, and carried on a fair business in Rye until his death. Henry Shapley, Jr., the grandfather of Ruel G., was born in Rye, which was his home during his life. He owned some land, but preferred seafaring pursuits to farming, and so spent a large part of his time on the ocean. His wife, Mary (Berry) Shapley, was a daughter of a pioneer settler of this town. Their son, Reuben Shapley, was the father of Ruel G.

Reuben Shapley, a native of Rye, who was educated in the common schools of this place, after finishing his studies followed the example of his father, and became a sailor. After spending several years in this occupation he gave it up; and, buying sixty acres of land in his native town, he there engaged in general farming until his demise, at the age of sixty-three years. A man of scrupulous integrity, he was highly respected in his community. For more than thirty years he was senior Deacon of the Congregational church, of which his wife likewise was a member. He married Lavinia Robinson, a daughter of Robert Robinson, of Portsmouth, N.H. They had seven children; namely, Ruel G., Margaret, Jotham, Emily, Robert, John, and Samira. Ruel G. and Emily are the only members of the family now living. Robert and John served in the late war with the First New Hampshire Cavalry, in which they enlisted in 1861. John, who was Orderly Sergeant of Company M, was killed in 1864, at Waynesboro, Va., while under the command of General Phil Sheridan. Robert, the First Lieutenant of the same company, died in June, 1865, of small-pox, at Darnestown, Md. The mother, who survived her husband, passed away on the old home farm, at the age of seventy-five years.

Ruel G. Shapley was reared and educated in Rye. Here he also learned the carpenter's trade, by which he supported himself for nearly twenty years. He then returned to the homestead, and has since been prosperously engaged in farming. In politics Mr. Shapley affiliates with the Republican party, which he joined at the time of its formation, casting his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. Mr. Shapley has been twice mar-

ried. By his first marriage, contracted in 1872, he was united to Abbie Rand, daughter of T. Jefferson and Adeline Rand, both natives of Rye. She died in 1881, leaving two daughters — Nora and Abbie. In his second marriage Mr. Shapley wedded Miss Maria Haines, who was born in Greenland, daughter of Mathias and Eunice Haines.

THOMAS H. DOLLIVER, a retired business man of Kingston, whose time now is mainly occupied with looking after his real estate interests, was born in Marblehead, Mass., January 19, 1816. He is a son of Thomas G. and Mary (Green) Dolliver, both natives of Marblehead, and belongs to two of the oldest families in that place. His great-grandfather on the paternal side, who came from France, erected the first building there. His father, Thomas G. Dolliver, who was a lifelong resident of Marblehead, and a seafaring man like most of the early residents, was lost at sea about 1836. His first wife, the mother of Thomas H., was the daughter of Thomas G. Green, who came from England, settled in Marblehead, and subsequently died there. She died in 1826, leaving six children, namely: William B., who was the owner of the ill-fated vessel on which his father met his death, and was drowned at the same time; Mary, the widow of Samuel Roundy, late of Marblehead, who died in 1891; Hannah C., who is the widow of the late Thomas G. Field, and is now living with Thomas H.; Thomas H., the subject of this article; Samuel G., who married Elizabeth Humphrey, and is now living with her in Marblehead; and Peter G., who married a Miss Mullett, since deceased, and is now living with his son in Salem, Mass. After the death of his first wife Mr. Dolliver married a Mrs. Weed, of Marblehead, who attained the great age of one hundred years. She was the mother of two children — Sarah, the wife of a Mr. Griffiths, of Marblehead; and Leza, also a resident of Marblehead.

Thomas H. Dolliver received a common-school education. On account of the death of his mother he went to live with an uncle in Tuftonboro, Carroll County, when he was nine years of age. This uncle was a farmer, and the boy was called upon to take an active part in the work about the farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, and in early manhood was employed on important public works. He built a dam in Tuftonboro and Laconia for the water-power company, and erected several buildings in Laconia, where he lived for some time afterward. He subsequently took charge of the work of the Essex Company, a building corporation, which practically laid the foundations of the city of Lawrence, Mass., and was connected with them until 1855. Then he was in the produce business until 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War. After the war he engaged in the real estate business. In 1877 he came to Rockingham County, purchased the farm on which he now resides in Kingston and the old Rowell Mills at Newton Junction. Until quite recently he managed a large business at the saw-mills, having a box factory connected, and was at the same time extensively engaged in general farming. Mr. Dolliver has been very busy during his active life, and the success which he has achieved was fairly earned. He now owns property in Epping, Plaistow, Kingston, and many other towns of the county, and in Massachusetts. His home in South Kingston is one of the handsomest estates in the county.

Mr. Dolliver was married in April, 1838, to Alice Dolloff, of Sutton, Vt., who died in 1854. She was the mother of four children, who are also deceased; namely, Sarah, Levi, Mary, and Charles H. In 1856 Mr. Dolliver again was married to Sarah Bowers, of Potsdam, N.Y., who died in 1857, leaving one child, Sarah, who died at the age of twenty. His third wife, Elvira (Eastman) Dolliver, who came from Sutton, Canada, lived sixteen years after her marriage, and had three children — William, who lived but five years; a child who died in infancy; and Eva J., born in 1866, who is now with her father. On November 29, 1877, he entered another marriage with Alice A. Marden, who was born in Deerfield, this county, January 3, 1821, daughter of Sewell and Sarah (Avery) Marden. Mr. Marden, who was a farmer of Deerfield, moved to Newburyport, Mass., where he and his wife

died. Mrs. Alice A. (Marden) Dolliver is living with her husband in South Kingston; and the household circle is completed by an adopted daughter, Miss Annie M. Pike.

Mr. Dolliver, at first a Democrat, has been a strong Republican since Taylor was elected in 1849. He served as Assessor in Lawrence, Mass., for a number of terms. In Lawrence, also, he was a member of the Baptist church; and, though he favors that denomination, he has not joined any church in this county. He is one of the prominent citizens in this section, and is esteemed by all who know him.

CHARLES P. WENDELL, a well-known agriculturist of Rye, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Portsmouth, this county, April 28, 1863. His parents, John S. and Martha (Perkins) Wendell, were blessed with the birth of eight children. He is a representative of one of the old and respected families of Portsmouth and its vicinity, and is a lineal descendant of an early settler of New York State.

The immigrant progenitor was Evert Jansen Wendell, who was born in Embden, Holland, in 1615, and migrated to America in 1640, settling first in New Amsterdam, as New York City was formerly called, and later removing to Albany. His character was such as to win the respect and confidence of his fellows; and he served them in several public capacities, in 1660-61 officiating as Magistrate. One of his sons, who bore the name Johannes, became the possessor of extensive real estate; and he had the honor of being elevated to important positions of public trust. In 1685 he was a Captain in the militia, in 1686 he was one of the first Aldermen of Albany, and for several years he served as a Magistrate.

Abraham Wendell, son of Johannes, engaged in mercantile business in Boston for several years; and his son John, in turn, was a merchant and importer of that city. John Wendell was Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery in Boston in 1740. The next in lineal descent bore his father's name, John. He was born in Boston in 1731, at the age of fifteen matriculated at Harvard College, and was graduated in 1750. He became a lawyer, and settled in Portsmouth. In 1768 he received the degree of A.M. from Yale College and in 1773 from Dartmouth. He wedded Sarah, the eldest daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth F. Wentworth, of Portsmouth, and an aunt of Eben Wentworth. They became the parents of eleven children; and by a subsequent marriage with Miss Dorothy Sherburne, of Portsmouth, he had eight children. He died in Portsmouth, April 29, 1808, at the advanced age of seventy-six years.

Jacob, the sixth child of John and Dorothy S. Wendell, was born at Portsmouth, December 10, 1788. For many years he was a merchant engaged in the Russian and West Indian trade, and he accumulated a large property. In 1815, in company with his brothers Isaac and Abraham, he founded some of the earliest cotton factories in New Hampshire, buying several water privileges in the town of Dover, N.H., and constructing the original mill of the Great Falls Corporation. At a critical pecuniary period in the history of the infant enterprise, in the panic of 1827, caused by President John Quincy Adams's Tariff Bill, they became insolvent. Abraham Wendell was the eldest of the three brothers, and was the leading business man in manufacturing and in building up Dover as well as Great Falls; but the tariff of 1827 ruined him with his brothers, and he was the greatest sufferer, as he had invested his all. Jacob, without notifying his brothers of his intentions, took advantage of the bankrupt law; but Abraham and Isaac devoted the rest of their lives to clearing off their liabilities, including those of their brother Jacob — a heavy and all but hopeless task, which, however, they finally accomplished. These two brothers were Quakers in religion, while Jacob was a Unitarian.

Mr. Jacob Wendell was an antiquary, and in 1847 associated himself with the New England Historical Genealogical Society as a corresponding member. In that capacity he had the honor and pleasure of receiving and of entertaining General Lafayette at the time of his visit to Portsmouth in 1811.

Mr. Jacob Wendell's marriage with Miss

Mehitable Rindge, of Portsmouth, was blessed in the birth of seven children — Mehitable, Caroline, Evert Jansen, Mary, George, Jacob, Jr., and Mark R. Jacob Wendell, Jr., and Mark R. are the only ones of the seven now living. In religious faith and affiliation the father was a member of the South Parish Church of Portsmouth. He departed this life August 27, 1865.

Abraham Wendell, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a ship-chandler, and also the proprietor of a general store at the corner of State and Water Streets, Portsmouth. Also for several years he was in partnership with his brother Jacob, under the firm style of A. & J. Wendell, in the cotton manufactory at Dover and Great Falls; and after the discontinuance of that association he removed to Bow Street, where he conducted until a few months previous to his decease a hardware store, carrying also ship-chandlery. His matrimonial union with Miss Susan Gardner was fruitful of the birth of nine children, namely: Daniel D.; Jacob L.; Abraham Q.; Henry F.; John S.; Tunis D.; Gardner; Susan, who is still residing on the ancestral estate; and Vallina V., the widow of Edwin A. Peterson, of New York, who was a member of the firm of E. A. Peterson & Co., dealers in carpets, his associate being his brother, Archibald Peterson, a prominent merchant of New York City. The former was the President of the New Hampshire National Bank for eight years. Mr. Wendell's youngest daughter, Ann, a talented musician, died in comparatively early life. Mr. Abraham Wendell attained to the venerable age of eighty years, passing away on March 27, 1865.

John S. Wendell for many years was engaged in the ship-chandlery business in company with his father in Portsmouth, where he still makes his home. He was joined in marriage with Miss Martha Perkins, a daughter of Elias Perkins, of Portsmouth, a pensioner of the war with England, and from that union sprang eight children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: G. Montgomery, who died aged fourteen; Dora, who died at the age of forty-one years; Ellen, who died in her twenty-fourth year; Susan G.; Emma; George H., who was drowned in 1874, aged seventeen; John S., Jr., and Charles P., who are the only ones living. John wedded Miss Lucina Hunkerford, and into their home came four children; namely, George, Delma, Martha, and Justin. Mr. John S. Wendell, who has been called upon to mourn the death of his wife and six children, yet resides in Portsmouth.

Charles P. Wendell, who was left motherless when he was only three years old, was educated at the public schools of Portsmouth and at Blunt's Academy. He learned the machinist's trade at the Mason Locomotive Works in Taunton, Mass., and for four years followed his calling at Taunton and Portsmouth. After that he was employed on his father-in-law's farm for several years; and he then purchased an estate of one hundred and seventy acres in Rye, on which he has been successfully engaged in general husbandry to the present time, having sold his wife's homestead to Professor Parsons, of Philadelphia, Pa. On September 7, 1883, he married Miss Mary E. Dow, a daughter of Captain Albert and Mary (Cronin) Dow, of Rye; and by this union he has become the father of two children — Auburn D. and Dora S.

Mr. Wendell has served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of Surveyor of the Highways. In national politics he has regularly supported the principles and candidates of the Democratic party since the attainment of his majority. He cast his first Presidential vote for the present incumbent of the chief magistracy of the nation, Grover Cleveland, in 1884. Religiously, he is a constant attendant upon the services of the Congregational Church of Rye.

LEVI W. TAYLOR, the popular Postmaster of North Salem, N.H., and a prominent citizen of the town, was born in Salem, N.H., March 20, 1845, son of Daniel and Ruth M. (Duston) Taylor, the father a native of Salem, and the mother of Windham, N.H. Joseph Taylor, father of Daniel, was an early settler of Salem. He represented the town in the State legislature, and was a prominent citizen and well



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known, living to be eighty-three years old. Daniel Taylor, residing in North Salem, is in his eighty-second year, being one of the oldest residents of the town. Besides engaging in agricultural pursuits, he has done quite an extensive lumber business, and for a number of years made a specialty of getting out ship lumber. His wife, who is also living, is in her sixty-fifth year. Levi W. Taylor received his early education in the public schools of Salem, afterward attending Atkinson and Tilton Academies. When about nineteen years old he went to Haverhill, Mass., and became a clerk in a dry-goods store. On leaving that position he started a general store at North Salem in company with an uncle, A. S. Hill, under the firm name of Hill & Taylor; but after a time he purchased his uncle's interest, and became the sole proprietor, and has carried on the mercantile business successfully alone for a quarter-century. In addition to this Mr. Taylor is extensively engaged in the wood and lumber business, buying large tracts of standing timber, the sawing and cutting of which he contracts for, and marketing the product in Lawrence and Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Taylor has been twice married. His first wife was Lizzie F. Brown, a native of Windham. After her death he married on October 4, 1877, his present wife, formerly Miss Ellen L. Taylor, a daughter of the Hon. M. H. Taylor, of North Salem, N.H. They have one daughter, Mabel.

Being public-spirited and taking a keen interest in political matters, Mr. Taylor has often been chosen for official honors. During several terms and under different administrations he has served as Postmaster. He has represented the town in the State legislature one term, and has served as Selectman two terms. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Salem.

STEPHEN BROWN, one of the oldest and most prosperous farmers of Kensington and a member for many years of the town government, was born on the farm where he now lives, February 4, 1817. A son of Stephen and Susan (Bagley) Brown, he is descended in direct line from the first settler of Hampton, N.H., an Englishman named John Brown. John Brown, who was born about 1589 and was a fellow-voyager with Mr. Dummer on the "Whale," located in Hampton in 1636. Two years later he was sent with his brother James to England for colonists to people the district. After living nearly one hundred years, he died in Hampton, February 28, 1687. He married Sarah Dummer, who died July 6, 1672. The farm on which Mr. Stephen Brown resides was reclaimed from the wilderness by his great-grandfather, Jonathan Brown, who took possession of it in 1725, when this part of the country was very sparsely settled and heavily wooded. He died there when about sixty years of age. His son Joseph, grandfather of Stephen, succeeded to the homestead, and devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture. He was an industrious and exemplary citizen, and for a time represented the district in the State legislature. His death occurred in his seventy-seventh year. His wife, in maidenhood Miss Anna Brown, lived to an advanced age.

Stephen Brown, Sr., was born on the home farm in 1780, and like his forefathers engaged in husbandry. He was very successful in his chosen calling, and became one of the leading men of the town. He was successively a Whig and a Republican. He served for a time as Selectman of Kensington, and during the War of 1812 he was Captain of a company. He died at the age of seventy-six. His wife, who was born in Salisbury, Mass., in 1783, died in Kensington at the age of seventy-four. They had nine children, of whom Stephen Brown, Jr., and Dr. Moses Brown, a physician living at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., are the only survivors. The others were named: Joseph, Amos, Mary, Nancy, John, Jonathan, and Susan R. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Stephen Brown received his education in the schools of Kensington. He has lived on the homestead since birth, and has been engaged in general farming throughout his active life. His estate, which contains about three hundred acres, is one of the largest and best farms of the township.

Mr. Brown was married December 2, 1840,

to Dolly Batchelder, of Hampton Falls, who died in 1865. He was again married in 1868 to Esther Lamprey, daughter of Gilman and Esther (Leavitt) Lamprey and sister of John P. Lamprey, of Kensington. The second Mrs. Brown died in 1894. Of Mr. Brown's children five are deceased; namely, Daniel, Daniel (second), Mary, Anna, and Moses. Moses was frozen to death in Dakota during a blizzard. The others are: John C., a farmer in Colorado, who was a soldier in the late war; Amos, a farmer in Illinois, who also served in the late war; Emery, a miner in Colorado; Joseph, a farmer in Illinois; David, a farmer in Kensington; and Stephen, a farmer, who is with his father. Mr. Brown has also fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren living. A loyal Republican since his party was organized, Mr. Brown has represented the town in the State legislature, and served on the Board of Selectmen for several years. He is always interested in any good work for Kensington, and his opinions are received with respect by his townsmen. He is a member of the Congregational church. Though nearly fourscore years of age, he is alert and active, and still supervises his farm.

EDWIN N. WHITNEY, the leading general merchant of Derry Depot, dealing in dry and fancy goods, boots and shoes, crockery, hardware, paints and oils, was born in the town of Windham, Cumberland County, Me., April 17, 1851. He is a son of Obadiah H. and Louisa (Bangs) Whitney, both natives of Cumberland County, Maine, and descendants of pioneer settlers in that section. Obadiah H. Whitney, who was a cooper and farmer, died in 1884.

Edwin N. Whitney acquired the rudiments of his education in the public schools in Cumberland County, and laid the foundation of his commercial knowledge in Gray's Business College at Portland, Me. He remained on his father's farm in Windham, Me., until eighteen years of age. Then, entering the employ of Whitney & Thomas, wholesale boot and shoe dealers in Portland, he worked in the store for a while as clerk, after which he was sent on the road as travelling salesman, and travelled for fourteen years, principally in New Hampshire and Vermont. During these fourteen years, having dealings with all kinds and conditions of men, Mr. Whitney acquired a valuable amount of experience. In 1888 he started in business for himself at Derry Depot, opening the only department store in the town. Located on Broadway, the store is in a favorable position for business. Mr. Whitney receives a large trade from out-of-town customers. With its well-selected stock and reasonable prices, the establishment has been a success from the beginning. Mr. Whitney is at present one of the Directors of the Derryfield Building Association.

Mr. Whitney married Mrs. Mary A. Smith, the widow of Alden B. Smith, of Derry Depot. In politics he is prominent among the Republicans of the district. He served as Selectman of Derry for two years, and is at present the Secretary of the Republican Club of Derry. A public-spirited man, he is in favor of every project calculated to serve the town. He is connected with a number of social organizations, including the Masonic Order, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is widely known and esteemed, and has the confidence of the entire business community.

GENERAL CHARLES A. NASON, of Hampton Falls, one of the few surviving officers of the old New Hampshire militia, was born here, December 9, 1822. His parents were Jonathan and Mary (Gordon) Nason, the former of Hampton Falls, and the latter of Exeter, N.H. He belongs to the seventh generation descended from the family's founder, who came from England to this country in 1648 and settled in Berwick, Me. This ancestor, after having established a home in the wilderness, like so many who left the security of their native land for the danger-haunted forests of the New World, was killed by the Indians in the doorway of his house. He was married in 1664, and left two sons, Richard and Jonathan. Richard was the founder of the Hampton Falls branch of the family. From him the line is traced through Jonathan and Richard. Richard Nason, the

grandfather of General Nason, was prominent in town business. He was a surveyor of land, and laid out and surveyed Weare and other townships. He lived to be eighty-five years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Cram, reared a large family.

Jonathan Nason, General Charles A. Nason's father, studied reading, writing, and arithmetic at the district school, and acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture on the home farm. He was a thrifty and progressive farmer, and added by purchase to the homestead, also building a portion of the house now occupied by his son. In 1812 he was a Captain in the State militia of Hampton Falls, and went to Portsmouth with his company to defend it against an expected attack by the English. He was afterward commissioned Major of the Third Regiment. A man of character, he was prominent in the town, and served as Selectman and Surveyor of Highways. He died in 1846, at the age of sixty-two. His wife, who was a daughter of Benjamin Gordon, of Exeter, passed away in 1864. She reared but two children — Charles A. and George W. The latter married Mary A. Perkins, and had one son, who is now deceased.

General Charles A. Nason received a good practical education, studying the elementary branches in the district school and the more advanced subjects in Rockingham Academy at Hampton. He has spent his life on the homestead, principally engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1887 he built a fine barn, one hundred by forty feet, for the express accommodation of his cattle. He keeps a number of cows, and has bred some of the best stock raised in this section. When a young man Mr. Nason joined the State militia, in which his soldierly bearing and proficiency in drill won him rapid promotion. He rose from the rank of First Sergeant to those of Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier-general, and was finally appointed Major-general by the Governor of New Hampshire. He retired from the militia in 1856.

Mr. Nason was married December 9, 1856, to Mrs. Mary A. (Perkins) Nason, the widow of his brother George. She is a daughter of Captain Nathaniel and Mary (Janvrin) Perkins and a grand-daughter of David Perkins, of Hampton Falls. Her grandfather and father were members of the State militia, her father holding the rank of Captain. Seven children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nason. Charles A., their eldest son, died at the age of eighteen years. Daniel died at the age of fourteen years. Richard married Alice Jacobs, and has no children. Mary married Alva Brewer, of Kensington, N.H., and has four children — Charles A., Mildred N., Herbert A., and Elmer P. Jonathan married Martha L. Janvrin, and has no children. Martha married Ralph H. Blatchford, and has one son, Ralph N. David, the youngest son, who is a musician, lives in Newburyport, Mass. Mr. Nason's first Presidential vote was cast in favor of Henry Clay, the Whig candidate in 1844; and he has given his allegiance to the Republican party since its formation. He was a Representative in the State legislature of 1860-61, has officiated as Moderator of the town meeting, and has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years.

THOMAS P. MAJOR, a respected resident of Derry Depot, was born April 25, 1822, in the town of Derry, this county, son of John and Martha (Cheney) Major. He is of English origin, his paternal grandfather, Captain Major, having been born and reared in England. The Captain, who for many years resided in this part of New Hampshire, and here brought up his family, was a seafaring man during the greater part of his life, and obtained command of a vessel. After making many voyages, he was lost at sea. John Major was born in that part of old Derryfield now included within the limits of Manchester, Hillsborough County. After his marriage he settled in this county, where he spent his remaining days. His wife, who was a lifelong resident of the county, bore him several children, of whom the survivors are: Philip, now residing in Derry; Isabella, wife of Ellsworth Carlton, of Derry; Thomas P., the subject of this sketch; and Rebecca, who married James Reed, of Derry village. The father was a man of strict integrity, in view of which fact he was familiarly called by his many friends and acquaintances "Honest John."

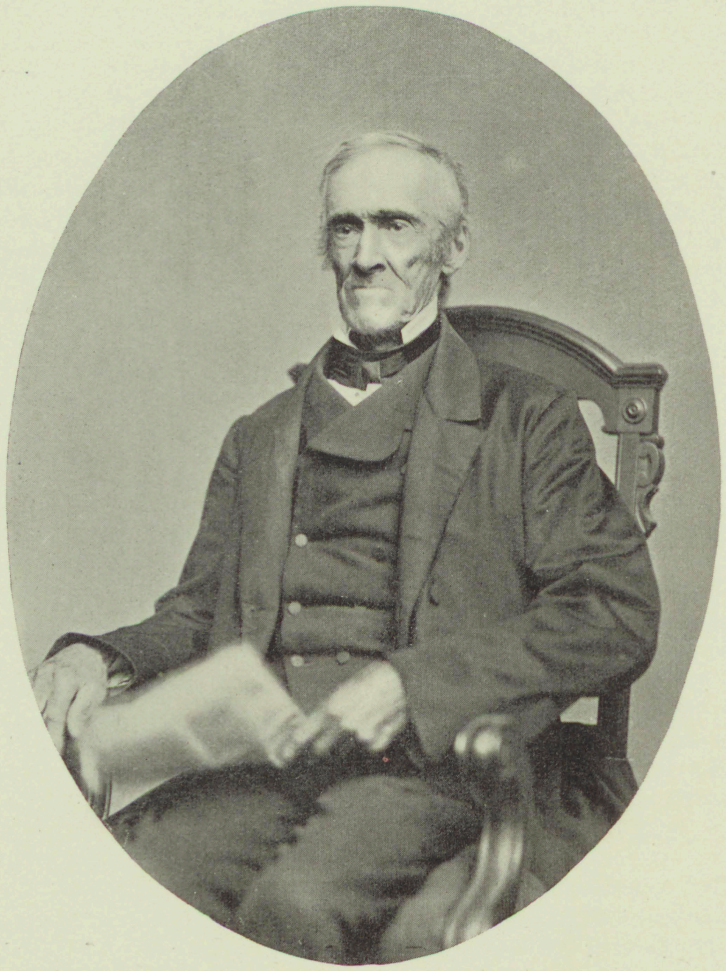
Thomas P. Major attended the district schools for a few years. Being an intelligent reader, he has since kept himself thoroughly acquainted with the general topics of the day. At the age of ten years he was put to work on a neighboring farm, and continued so engaged until he came of age. He subsequently learned the trade of a tanner and currier, at which he had worked about four years when ill health obliged him to give it up. In 1878 Mr. Major removed to Derry, and was one of the first to build in the locality. Since then he has watched with satisfaction the rapid growth and improvement of the place. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. For three years he served as Selectman of Derry, and for a time was Highway Surveyor. He is a prominent member of the various organizations of Derry, including the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities, the Knights of Pythias, the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, the Eastern Star Lodge, and the Order of Rebekah.

Mr. Major has been twice married. On September 24, 1845, he married Rachel E., daughter of Deacon Daniel W. Hayes, of Farmington, N.H. She died in 1882, leaving no children. In 1884 Mr. Major was again married, Mrs. Harriet N. McGregor, the widow of the late W. K. McGregor, of Derry, becoming his wife. Mrs. Major was born and reared in this section of New Hampshire, as were her parents, James and Mary (Plummer) Nevins. The latter was a native of Londonderry, where two of her three surviving children are now living, namely: William P. Nevins; and Mary, who is the wife of Frederick Gilcreast. Mrs. Major is a member of the Congregational church.

FRANK O. TOWLE, a representative farmer and large land-owner of South Hampton, was born in Hampton Falls, this county, December 7, 1846, son of William F. and Hannah D. (Berry) Towle. At least five generations of his family have resided in Hampton. His great-grandfather lived in the town for a number of years, and it was the birthplace of his grandfather, Caleb Towle. The latter, who was engaged in the manufacture of shoes when a young man, later became a farmer. He was also toll-keeper on the toll road for a number of years. In the War of 1812 he served as Captain of an artillery company. He was a Democrat in politics. In religious belief he was a Christian Baptist. He died in Hampton Falls at an advanced age. His children were: Oliver, Mary Ann, Sarah, William F., Elbridge E., Elizabeth, Almira, and Emmons B. The last three are living. The parents celebrated their golden wedding, at which were present eight grandchildren as well as their eight children.

William F. Towle, the father of Frank O., born in Hampton, March 5, 1821, was a competent farmer and a shrewd business man. He was engaged in trade for some time. From Hampton proper he moved to Hampton Falls, and subsequently to South Hampton, settling in 1851 on the farm now occupied by his son. A stanch Democrat, he took an active part in local politics, serving as Selectman for a number of years, and represented the town at Concord in the legislature of 1869–70. In religious belief, like his father, he was a Christian Baptist. He died in South Hampton, August 12, 1893. His wife, who was born in Chichester, N.H., October 24, 1806, died in South Hampton, October 12, 1893. They were the parents of three children: Otis W., born July 22, 1843, a farmer of South Hampton; Frank O., the subject of this article; and Charles H., born March 25, 1845. The mother by a previous marriage with Joseph Brown had three children — Sarah A., John J., and James D. Brown.

Frank O. Towle attended the schools of his native town and Barnard Academy. He afterward qualified himself as a book-keeper at a commercial school in Boston, Mass. For some time he was watchman at the State Farm of Rhode Island, and later was similarly employed at the Dexter Asylum in Providence, R.I. In 1876 he returned to his native town, where he has since been extensively engaged in general farming. His farm contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of upland, from which a beautiful view is obtained. He also owns land in South Hampton and East Kingston. As a farmer he is very successful,



ELIPHALET HUNT.

partly owing to his commercial training, which has made him a methodical and competent business man. He has a pretty home and good farm buildings, and he spares no pains to keep his estate in good condition. Mr. Towle is a member of the society of Patrons of Husbandry at Kensington.

On December 30, 1880, Mr. Towle was married to Sarah E. Parker, who was born April 25, 1845, daughter of Edmund B. Bartlett, of Kingston, N.H. In politics he is a Democrat. He represented the district in the State legislature in 1885, has served as Selectman of the town, and is now a member of the Board of Education. He belongs to Warren Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Amesbury, Mass.; and to Wehanowowit Tribe, No. 22, Improved Order of Red Men, of Exeter, N.H. On religious subjects he holds liberal views.

FRANKLIN HUNT, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Sandown township, son of Eliphalet Hunt, was born May 19, 1833, on the homestead where he now lives. He is of Massachusetts ancestry, his grandfather, Zaccheus Hunt, having been a native of Salisbury, in that State. He was born March 12, 1764. While serving his country, Grandfather Hunt took cold from exposure, and died March 12, 1795, while yet a young man. His wife, whose maiden name was Miriam Swett, outlived him more than half a century, dying in October, 1852. They had six children, namely: Lois, who was the wife of Joseph Jackman, of Newburyport, Mass.; Miriam, who married Israel Blake; Nancy, who married Peter Hardy, and Betsey, her twin sister, who became the wife of Moses Anson; Abigail, who married David French; and Eliphalet, the father of Franklin Hunt. None of the family are now living.

Eliphalet Hunt was born October 28, 1791; and from the time he was five years old until his death, November 20, 1876, with the exception of three years spent in Manchester, this State, he lived on the farm now occupied by his children. He was a farmer, also a surveyor of land, and was one of the surveyors employed in 1825 in determining the boundary between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He married Susan Webster, a native of Rockingham County, where she spent her life, her birth occurring March 17, 1790, in Chester, and her death April 7, 1871, on the homestead in Sandown. They had nine children — Mary Ann L., Richard L., Elizabeth W., Susan, George Washington, Lydia W., Joan C., Bradley W., and Franklin. Mary A. L. Hunt, born August 23, 1814, died March 27, 1896. She married Moses Dudley, a farmer, and lived in the towns of Raymond, Fremont, and Sandown. Richard L., born March 8, 1816, is now living in Boston, Mass. Elizabeth W., born February 16, 1818, died February 14, 1845. Susan, born February 5, 1820, died October 20, 1893. George Washington, born June 5, 1822, was for many years a well-known hotel-keeper of New York City, among the hotels of which he has had the charge being the St. Denis, Winchester, Irving, and several others of like prominence. He married Elizabeth Ingalls, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Clough) Ingalls, and is now living on the old Hunt homestead with his brother Franklin, engaged in farming. Five children were born to George W. and Elizabeth I. Hunt; namely, Lisette G., Seward, George S., Agnes C., and Irving. Lisette G. married George S. Sanborn, who resides in Sandown. They have had two children — Musette and Sherburn E., the latter now deceased. Agnes C. is a public teacher in the schools of San Diego, Cal. Seward, George S., and Irving are no longer living. Lydia W. Hunt, born July 9, 1824, and Joan C., born August 13, 1828, also make their home on the old farm, living with their brothers, the latter having but recently come from Boston, where she has lived for thirty years. Bradley W., born November 29, 1830, died July 15, 1841.

Franklin Hunt, the youngest member of the parental household, with his brothers and sisters attended the district schools of Sandown, afterward studying at the Atkinson Academy in this county. With the exception of a short time spent in Manchester, N.H., when he was quite young, Mr. Hunt has made his residence on the home farm. This handsome property, belonging to him and his brother and sisters, contains two hundred acres of valuable land, which is kept in a fine state of culti-

vation. They have made the larger part of the improvements, having now a spacious and conveniently arranged house, a commodious barn, with plenty of good out-buildings for the storing of their machinery, tools, and farm products. In addition to general farming they raise some stock, and are specially engaged in dairying, making some butter and a large quantity of cheese. In politics Mr. Hunt and his brother uniformly vote the Republican ticket. For three terms Mr. George W. Hunt represented his native town and Fremont in the State legislature.

WILLIAM P. NEVINS, Chairman of the School Board of Londonderry, was born in this town, May 23, 1841, son of James and Mary (Plummer) Nevins. His father was a native of Pelham, N.H., and his mother of Londonderry. The Nevins family is one of the old families of Pelham. Robert Nevins, grandfather of William P., was a native of that town. James Nevins settled in Londonderry when he was a young man, locating on the farm now occupied by his son, but originally owned by the Rev. Dr. Morrison, one of the pioneer clergymen of this town. A hard-working and progressive farmer, he was very successful, and was in comfortable circumstances at the time of his death. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. He was in communion with the Presbyterian church, which he served in the capacity of Elder. Mr. Nevins lived to round out three-quarters of a century. Of his children two besides William P. are living, namely: Harriet, the wife of Thomas P. Major, of Derry Depot, N.H.; and Mary, the wife of Frederick A. Gilcreast, of Londonderry. The others were: John, James E., Henry A., and Sarah E.

William P. Nevins was reared on the farm where he now makes his home, receiving a good education in his native town, and graduating from Pinkerton Academy in 1864. On February 14, 1865, he enlisted in Company H, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. His regiment formed a part of the Ninth Army Corps under General Meade, and took part in a number of important engagements, including the siege of Petersburg and some of those immediately preceding General Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Receiving his discharge July 30, 1865, he returned to Londonderry, where he has since been prosperously engaged in general farming. He has a fine estate of some two hundred acres, including the homestead farm, much of which is under cultivation, and a commodious residence, the whole making a pleasing picture of rural prosperity.

Mr. Nevins was married September 14, 1871, to Julia D. Shipley, a native of Londonderry, daughter of John Shipley. Her grandfather, Amos Shipley, was a native of Hollis, N.H.; while her father, John Shipley, was born in Londonderry. The latter, who was one of the prominent Republicans of the town, which he represented for a time in the State legislature, died in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Nevins have lost two children — Charles H. and an infant; and they have three living — Mabel F. M., Harriet J., and William S.

Mr. Nevins has been twice elected Selectman of Londonderry, and served two years in the State legislature. He has been a member of the School Board for a number of years, and, as already mentioned, is now Chairman of the Board. A member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he belongs to the lodge at Derry Depot. Mrs. Nevins is a member of Rebekah Lodge at Derry Depot and of the branch of the Woman's Relief Corps at the same place. Both are members of the Presbyterian church at Londonderry, in which Mr. Nevins is an Elder.

STEPHEN BAILEY, a retired shoe manufacturer residing in Salem, was born in this town, February 23, 1820. He is a son of David and Abiah (Haseltine) Bailey, both natives of Massachusetts, respectively born in Haverhill and Methuen. David Bailey, a son of Benjamin Bailey, who was also a native of the old Bay State, managed a general store in North Salem, N.H., for some time, and then, in the early part of the present century, came to Salem. He was an enterprising man, took an active interest in town affairs, and was Lieu-

tenant in a militia company. Mr. Bailey was married in 1809; and of his children three are now living — David, Stephen, and Elizabeth, all residents of Salem.

Stephen Bailey grew to manhood in Salem, receiving a limited education in the public schools of that town. He learned the shoemaker's trade when a boy, followed it for a number of years, and finally engaged in business as a shoe manufacturer. In 1872 he retired and turned his attention to agriculture, in which he has achieved marked success. He has a valuable farm of eighty acres, with a handsome and commodious residence. Mr. Bailey is a self-made man, owing his prosperity to his sagacity and perseverance.

He was married July 31, 1845, to Hannah M. Cluff, a native of Salem and a daughter of Benjamin and Rachel (Austin) Cluff, also natives of this town. Mrs. Bailey is connected with some of the old families of Salem, her grandparents on both sides having been residents of this town. She has had two children, namely: Osmon C., residing in Chelsea, Mass.; and Medora E., the wife of Fred O. Wheeler, of Salem. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Democratic party, and was at one time very active in politics. He represented Salem in the State legislature for a time. In his early manhood he was Captain of a militia company. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is widely known in this section of the county.

JONATHAN P. ROBINSON, an old resident of Hampton and scion of one of the oldest families in the State, was born in the southern part of North Hampton, N.H., May 20, 1807. He is a son of Jonathan and Dorothy (Towle) Robinson, and belongs to the seventh generation of the family in this part of the State. Four generations claim Exeter, N.H., as their birthplace. The pioneer was John Robinson, who, it is said, was the first white child born in Haverhill, Mass. When a young man he settled in Exeter, N.H., and converted a tract of wild land into a good farm. This farm was in the family until a few years ago, when Jonathan P. sold it. John Robinson met with a tragic death, having been shot by the Indians while riding into town on the same horse with his son Jonathan. Jonathan was a native of Exeter and a farmer. Josiah Robinson, great-grandfather of Jonathan P., was a Captain in the State militia. He married the granddaughter of the Rev. Mr. Dudley, the first minister of Exeter, and reared twelve children. Of these the boys were all farmers, and the girls the wives of farmers. Jeremiah Robinson, one of Josiah's sons and grandfather of Jonathan P., was a very prominent member of the farming community in old Exeter. He was a Selectman of the town, a Lieutenant of militia, and he lived to be eighty years of age. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Jonathan Page, Jr., and a grand-daughter of Jonathan Page, Sr., of North Hampton. Jeremiah and Mary (Page) Robinson reared the following children: Jonathan, Sarah, Josiah, Mary, and Abigail.

Jonathan Robinson, who was a native of Exeter, received a district-school education, the educational facilities in those days being vastly inferior to the graded school system of the bustling city of to-day. Like his forefathers, he tilled the soil for a livelihood; and he was an officer in the militia, bearing the rank of Lieutenant. He died before his thirtieth birthday. His wife, who was a native of Hampton, this county, had five children, namely: Jonathan P., the subject of this sketch; Mary Lamprey, now eighty-six years old; Abigail; Sarah; and Jeremiah. Jeremiah is a resident of Grafton, Mass. The family has been remarkably long-lived, one of the daughters, as just stated, being now eighty-six years of age, and one of the sons eighty-five; while Jonathan P. is eighty-nine.

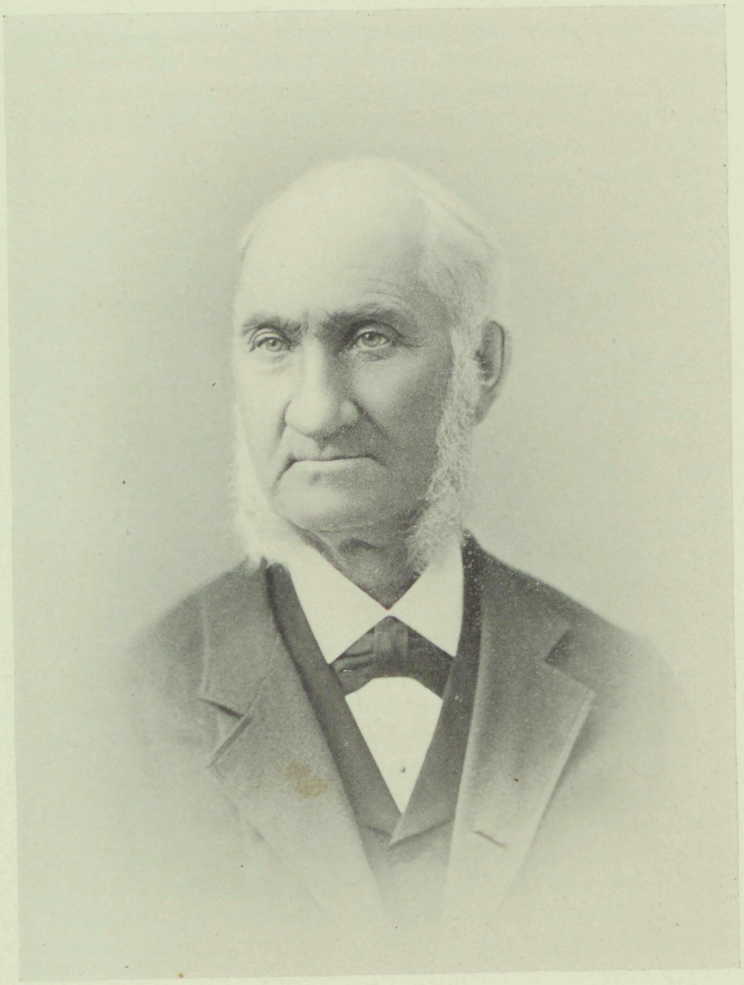
Jonathan P. Robinson made the most of his opportunities in the district schools, and subsequently attended Hampton Academy for two years. He afterward was engaged as teacher for several winters in the neighboring towns, making a reputation for the successful management of difficult schools. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it in Boston until the fall of 1837, when he returned to the homestead in North Hampton. Since then he has had the old buildings pulled down and replaced with good modern ones,

thereby greatly improving the appearance of the estate. Mr. Robinson boarded for forty-eight years uninterruptedly with Mr. Simon Brown in North Hampton. During the past two years he has been living with a nephew in Hampton. One of the oldest voters in this section, he cast his first Presidential vote in 1828 for John Quincy Adams; and he has given allegiance in turn to the Whig, Free Soil, and Republican parties. In town affairs he has taken a prominent part, and has been elected Chairman of the Selectmen a number of times.

REV. EBENEZER GREENLEAF PARSONS, President of the Board of Trustees of Pinkerton Academy, Derry, was born in what is now Westport, Me., May 15, 1813. He is the son of Captain Jotham and Olive (Greenleaf) Parsons, both natives of Westport. On the father's side he comes of English ancestry, and on the mother's side he is descended from a French Huguenot family. The Maine family began with John Parsons, who was made a freeman of York, Me., in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Captain Josiah Parsons, grandfather of the Rev. Ebenezer Parsons, was one of the Revolutionary soldiers who fought at Bunker Hill. He was married in York to Sarah Sewell, a descendant of Henry Sewell, Esq., an ex-Mayor of the historic old town of Coventry, England, who settled in Newbury, Mass., in Colonial times. Captain Jotham Parsons was a well-to-do sea captain and ship-owner. A man of intelligence and much business ability, he carved his own fortunes. One of his many good deeds was the contribution of twenty-five thousand dollars for the benefit of the Theological School now connected with Bates College. On the maternal side the Rev. Mr. Parsons is descended from Edmund Greenleaf, who settled in Newbury, Mass., in 1634, and from Stephen Greenleaf, of the third generation from Edmund, who lost his life at the taking of Louisburg in 1745.

The Rev. Ebenezer Greenleaf Parsons attended school at Wiscasset, Me., whither his parents removed when he was six years of age. He entered Bowdoin in 1829, and graduated in 1833 with the degree of A.B. Subsequently, in 1836, the same institution conferred on him the degree of A.M. After leaving college he taught school for a year at Reading, Pa. The ensuing year was spent in study at the Theological Seminary of Andover, Mass. He graduated from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1837, after which he was immediately called to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church at Freeport, Me. At Freeport he had labored zealously for fourteen years, when, in October, 1851, he was installed as pastor of the First Congregational Church at Derry, where he remained eighteen years. A broad and general scholar, and always pleased to impart knowledge where it was needed, he put no strain on himself in stepping from the pulpit to the teacher's desk. From 1869 to 1872 he was Principal of Pinkerton Academy at Derry; and from 1872 to 1882 he was Principal of Dummer Academy at Byfield, Mass. Resigning the latter position in his seventieth year, he returned to Derry, where he now resides. Though he has abandoned arduous work, he is still actively interested in the cause of education. Since 1853 he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Pinkerton Academy, and the President of that body since 1881. Much of the success of this institution is due to Mr. Parsons's zeal and energy. He has been a strong advocate of school improvement in Derry, cheerfully giving aid and support for that object; and for a number of years he served as superintendent of schools, sometimes alone and sometimes associated with others. He has been one of the Overseers of Bowdoin College since 1864, and he served for several years on its Class Examining Committee. In politics he is a Republican and a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Parsons was married in 1840 to Caroline Mellen Nye, a native of Freeport, Me., who died in 1862. She was the mother of three children, namely: Caroline N., the wife of Frank G. How; Maria S.; and Frances Appleton. Frances is now deceased. In 1865 the Rev. Mr. Parsons was again married, taking for his wife Sarah Dana McMillan, a native of Danville, Vt., daughter of the Hon. Andrew and Emily (Dana) McMillan. Mrs. Parsons is no less esteemed than her husband,



ALFRED CONNER.

and the couple are the centre of a large circle of sincere friends.

JOHN E. COCHRAN, Town Clerk of Windham and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, December 23, 1862, son of Isaac P. and Martha J. (Nesmith) Cochran. The family, which is a very reputable one in this section, is of Scotch-Irish origin. Captain John Cochran, Mr. Cochran's grandfather, who was a native and lifelong resident of Windham, served as Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Selectman of the town for some years.

Isaac P. Cochran, Mr. Cochran's father, was born in this town, where the active period of his life was spent in tilling the soil. A sturdy, energetic farmer, he made the best of his opportunities; while he won the sincere good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. He died at his home in this town, October 14, 1892. His wife, Martha, who was a native of Antrim, N.H., became the mother of two children, namely: Miles H., who is residing in Rochester, N.H.; and John E., the subject of this sketch. She is now seventy years old, and resides with her son, John E. She is a member of the Presbyterian church, and so was her husband.

John E. Cochran acquired his education in the common schools of Windham. He has since made agriculture his principal occupation in life. He has conducted general farming upon a progressive system, availing himself of all modern improvements and approved scientific methods. In local affairs he has been a conspicuous figure. He has been Town Clerk since 1888, is now serving his third term as a Selectman, and has for many years acted as a Justice of the Peace. In 1880 he was appointed Librarian of the Nesmith Library, and served with ability in that capacity for eight years. At the present time he is a member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of his office as Town Clerk.

On January 1, 1893, Mr. Cochran wedded Nellie C. Parker, of Windham, a daughter of Olin and Betsey A. (Kelley) Parker. Mrs. Parker is deceased. Mr. Parker resides in Windham. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have one son, Olin J., who was born July 8, 1895. Mr. Cochran, who possesses a commendable degree of public spirit, is held in high regard by his townsmen. He is connected with the Windham Grange, of which he was formerly Treasurer. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

ALFRED CONNER, a retired carpenter and builder living in Exeter, N.H., was born here on August 12, 1814, son of Nathaniel and Tirzah (Lyford) Conner.

Mr. Conner's grandfather, Jonathan Conner, whose death occurred between 1820 and 1825, spent his life on the old farm, which had come to his early ancestors as a grant from the government. This place has been occupied by at least seven generations, and at the present time is owned by the grandson of Alfred Conner's cousin, Arthur J. Conner, of Boston. No deed has ever passed for this property, the original title still holding it. Grandfather Conner married a Miss Jewett. Of their children their son Jesse settled in Maine; Daniel, a farmer by vocation, lived to be over ninety years of age; Jedediah lived to be threescore years and ten. The others who grew to adult age were: Nathaniel; Mary Barstow; and Eunice, who never married. Jedediah was the heir to the old farm, which he left to his son Jewett, who left it to his son William, and he in turn to his grandson, the present owner.

Nathaniel Conner, son of Jonathan, was born in the town of Exeter, on a farm three miles from the village, in October, 1773. Throughout the active period of his life he was a leading carpenter and builder here. He died in this village on July 5, 1849, at seventy-six years of age. His marriage with Miss Tirzah Lyford was solemnized about 1797 or 1798. Their daughter, Mary Ann, born in February, 1800, married Benjamin Wiggin, a carpenter and builder of Boston, where she died in April, 1891; Oliver, a printer, died in 1838, while yet in early manhood; John L., a carpenter of Exeter, died when about forty-three years of age, leaving six children; Charles, a dry-goods merchant

in Exeter, died at about eighty years of age, leaving two sons — Daniel and Charles; William, born in 1808, a carpenter in his younger days, and later a first-class farmer, died in Exeter in 1887, leaving two sons; Thomas, who was in company with his brother Charles in the dry-goods business, lived to be seventy-five years old, and at his death left one son, George T. Conner, of Vermont; Alfred was the youngest child that lived to maturity, and is now the sole survivor. His parents lost four children in infancy or early childhood.

Nathaniel Conner married for his second wife a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth (Moore) Palmer. The son born of this union, Freeman Conner, lives in Chicago, and at the present time is associated with the courts of that city. During the Civil War he served as a private in the Zouaves of New York City, and was wounded in service. He was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and still later was brevetted a Colonel. He is a man about three-score years of age, and has two daughters here in Exeter. The mother of Alfred Conner died on August 28, 1828, at fifty-four years of age, and the father in 1849. He left a good property for those days. In political views he was a Whig. For many years he was connected with the fire department, being a fire warden. Two of his four fire buckets, which were made of leather, and the large homespun linen bag which they carried in those days to put goods in, dated 1811, both lettered "N. Conner, F. S. [Fire Society], Nos. 3 and 4, 1829," are carefully treasured by his son.

Alfred Conner began in early boyhood to learn the carpenter's trade under his father's guidance. Although his parents gave him good educational privileges, the need of availing himself of them did not then appeal to him; and after a year spent in Phillips Academy he left school, at the age of sixteen. For four years he worked at the carpenter's trade in Boston. During that time he was employed on the Park Street Church, a part of his work being the taking down of the staging for the repair of the steeple, which is upward of two hundred feet in height; and in 1838 he was one of the four who worked on the tower of the Old South Church, his companions being Messrs. Tinkham, Smith, and Saboorlish, all of whom have passed away. Among the residences erected here under his supervision are those of Amos Tuck, Professor J. G. Hoyt, and also his own modest but substantial dwelling, which he built in 1845. He was the builder of Abbot Hall; and shortly after, in 1856, he relinquished the pursuit of his chosen vocation. He then engaged in the stove and tinware business with William N. Tilton, the firm being Tilton & Conner. After Mr. Tilton's death, in 1861, the business was sold out. He next engaged with Jacob Carlisle in the foundry business, at which they did a successful business. Since 1876 he has lived in practical retirement.

Mr. Conner has been twice married, first in 1844 to Miss Mary E. Merrill, the oldest child and only daughter of Abner and Sally W. (Leavitt) Merrill. She died on November 6, 1894, aged seventy-seven years. No children were born of this union. On November 15, 1895, he married Miss Anna E. Emerson, a native of Brentwood, N.H., a daughter of Lorenzo G. and Mary Jane (Wiggin) Emerson. Mr. Emerson is a resident of Exeter, but spends his winters in Florida. His wife died here in 1890, leaving two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Conner is a lady of musical talent, possessing a fine voice, and being a skilled pianist. Mr. Conner has since early manhood been identified with the band here in Exeter, in which he has played the clarinet and other instruments. Their enjoyment of music gives them many a pleasant hour.

Politically, Mr. Conner is a Republican. In 1857 and 1858 he served as Selectman of Exeter, and in the years 1877 and 1878 he was a member of the legislature. He has also served on various committees, among which may be mentioned that in charge of the erection of the engine-house, and of the new town library, the cost of the latter exceeding the amount appropriated by less than one hundred dollars. Mr. Conner is a communicant of the Second Congregational Church and a member of the Building Committee for the new church building. The present wooden structure was erected by his father about seventy-three years ago. His own residence was erected by him-

self over fifty years since. No birth has ever occurred here, and the only death is that of his first wife.

JACOB EATON, one of the leading farmers and fruit growers of South Hampton and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 21, 1823. He was educated in the public schools, after which he was employed in various kinds of business. For some twenty years he conducted a carriage manufactory here. He was also engaged in the lumber and wood business, both as a manufacturer and dealer. On July 27, 1860, he settled upon his present farm, which he has since conducted with success. He owns fifty-eight acres of land, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. All the improvements were made by him. While carrying on general farming he makes a specialty of fruit growing. His orchard of six acres is devoted to choice varieties of apples, pears, peaches, quinces, and other fruits, all of which find a ready market at good prices.

On June 27, 1860, Mr. Eaton wedded Lizzie Paige, of South Hampton. She was born June 27, 1828, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca B. Paige. Mr. Paige and his wife were born respectively on September 15, 1793, and October 31, 1791. The former, an early settler and a prosperous farmer of this town, who was well known and highly respected, died September 3, 1872; and his wife's death occurred August 10, 1865. They had one son and four daughters, of whom the only survivor besides Mrs. Eaton is John Paige, born September 6, 1826, who lives in South Hampton. The others were: Ruth, who became Mrs. Hill, and died October 18, 1856; Mary, who became Mrs. Collins, and died June 23, 1890; and Rebecca, who became Mrs. Breed, and died January 15, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have had five children, as follows: Rebecca L., who was born May 28, 1866, and died August 24 of the same year; Arthur B., who was born December 8, 1867, and died August 24, 1868; Fanny B., who was born July 22, 1861, graduated from Barnard Academy, and is now a school teacher, residing at home; Lizzie P., who was born June 22, 1863, married F. M. Jewell, of this town, and has one daughter; and Ella Abbie, who was born October 15, 1864, and resides at home.

In politics Mr. Eaton, who was originally a Whig, has supported the Republican party since its formation. His public services extended through a long period. For thirteen years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, for nine of which he presided as Chairman. He was Town Clerk for three years, Collector two years, Treasurer seven years, member of the School Board five years, and Moderator for fifteen years. He represented South Hampton and East Kingston in the legislature of 1866-68 and in that of 1889-90. Now, in his seventy-third year, he looks well-developed physically, having a strong constitution; and he still possesses undimmed the clear intellect that has enabled him to render in his public capacities many valuable services to the general community. While he takes a liberal view of religious doctrines, Mrs. Eaton is a member of the Society of Friends.

MOSES A. PERKINS, the popular and obliging landlord of the Perkins House at Epping, was born in Exeter, N.H., February 21, 1840, son of Solomon J. and Armina (Goodwin) Perkins. Mr. Perkins's father was born in Lee, N.H., August 18, 1804. At the age of ten years Solomon went to Exeter, where, beginning work in the yarn-mills, he remained three years. During the next few years he was employed at the Rockingham Mills in the same town, from which he went to Dover, N.H. Here he spent ten years, at first working in the upper mills, but later in the mills at the landing. He had charge of the weaving and dressing department of the mills in Pittsfield, N.H., for the next two years. Then, in company with his brother, Benjamin R. Perkins, he bought the Rockingham Mills at Exeter, in which they engaged in the manufacture of batting and coarse warp yarn. Some time after, leaving his brother in charge of this enterprise, he engaged with Captain N. Gilman to superintend his mill at "Pick-

Pocket," and did so for two years. In 1836 he bought the Gordon place, situated on what is now known as Perkins Hill. Here he spent the rest of his life, and died October 15, 1882. He was one of the best-known and most practical men of his day in his line of business, and was highly respected as a worthy and useful citizen by all who knew him. In politics he supported the Republican party, and in religious belief was a Congregationalist. He married Armina Goodwin, a native of Maine; and she became the mother of seven children, of whom Moses A., the subject of this sketch, is the third son. Mr. Perkins's mother survives; and, although she is now eighty-two years old, her health is unusually good for one of her age.

Moses A. Perkins obtained his education in Exeter, and Pembroke, Mass., and Kingston, N.H. He was reared upon a farm, where he continued to reside until 1864, when he visited the South, sojourning at Wilson's Landing, Fort Pocahontas, and other points in the State of Virginia. He returned home in the following year, and after a brief rest obtained employment in the iron foundry at Exeter. He was here four years, when, in 1870, he came to Epping, where he engaged in manufacturing. In the course of the next four years he invented an improved method for making batting. Receiving the appointment in 1876, he was clerk in the Railway Postal Service for ten years, his route being from Boston to St. Albans, Vt., the longest in the New England States. His connection with the hotel business in Epping dates from the time of his retirement from the postal service. He then became proprietor of a hostelry, which he carried on successfully for some eight years. In 1894 he took charge of the Pawtuckaway House, now known as the Perkins House, which he has since successfully conducted, giving complete satisfaction to the many guests.

In 1864 Mr. Perkins wedded Caroline E. Norris, daughter of John Norris. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins have had four children, two of whom are living, namely: Fred M., who resides in this town; and Blanche B., now the wife of W. A. Spiers, of Boston. Mr. Perkins enjoys a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and is a general favorite among the members of the various fraternal organizations to which he belongs. In Masonry he has advanced to the commandery, being also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is connected with the Red Men, the Royal Arcanum of Boston, the Order of the Eastern Star, Amoskeag Veterans of Manchester, N.H., and the New Hampshire Club, a social order that meets six times annually in Boston. He is one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias in New Hampshire, having been the first Chancellor of Squamscot Lodge, No. 2, the second lodge organized in the State. He was the first Grand Patriarch of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and its first representative to the Supreme Lodge of the United States from New Hampshire. Mr. Perkins, who has been a lifelong Republican, cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln.

JOSEPH T. VESSEY, one of the prominent farmers of Deerfield, was born in this town, March 20, 1820, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Goodhue) Vessey. Mr. Vessey's grandfather was Simon Vessey, a native of Stratham, N.H., who settled in Deerfield, where he was engaged in farming as long as his health permitted. Grandfather Vessey's later years were passed in retirement; and he died in this town, June 23, 1845, aged eighty-nine. He was a man of unusual intelligence, who gained considerable notoriety as a Bible student; and he was an active member of the Baptist church. He married Susan Ham, of Deerfield, and she reared five children, as follows: Thomas, Mr. Vessey's father, who was the eldest; Joseph, born May 5, 1785, who died June 23, 1816; Betsey, born November 7, 1787, who died June 9, 1821; Simon, born October 8, 1789, who in 1814 married Mary S. Pike; and Benning, born February 13, 1792, who married Jeanette Tilton, of Deerfield, and became the father of five children — Joseph H., Simon, Elizabeth, Isabel, and Susan I. Benning's son, Joseph H., who was born December 6, 1822, married Sarah Locke, of Pleasant Point, Me. His son, Simon, who was born December 22, 1824, married Dorothy Jones, of Strat-

ham, N.H. His daughter Elizabeth was born in January, 1827. Isabel, who was born May 27, 1830, died September 1, 1832. Susan I. was born September 20, 1832.

Thomas Vessey, Mr. Vessey's father, was born at Pleasant Point, January 18, 1784. He learned the cooper's trade, which he followed together with farming during the active period of his days. In his later years he supported the Republican party. He served as a Selectman for several years, and represented his district in the legislature of 1853-54. He professed the Baptist faith, and continued a member of that church until his death, which occurred May 16, 1876, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife, Elizabeth, whom he married in October, 1807, was born in Deerfield, August 17, 1788. She became by him the mother of four children, as follows: Joseph T., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, of whom there is no further information; Susan H., born August 8, 1808, who married Peter Sanborn in July, 1831, and died May 23, 1839; and Sally G., born February 3, 1810, who married Bryant Stearns in January, 1834, and died in September, 1834, at the age of twenty-four years.

Joseph T. Vessey obtained his education in the common schools of Deerfield and in academies at New Hampton and Pembroke, this State. After finishing with school he engaged in farming upon his present property. The estate contains two hundred and seventy acres of well-located land, of which twenty-five are under cultivation. Besides producing large and superior crops, he raises considerable stock, keeping an average of fifteen head. His natural desire for occupation keeps him constantly busy, when there is nothing else to do, in increasing the fertility of his land and otherwise improving his property. He is connected with the Deerfield Grange, is a member of the Calvinist Baptist church, and in politics supports the Republican party.

In 1854 Mr. Vessey married Elizabeth A. Stearns, of Deerfield. Of their two children Bryant S. is living. He was born October 2, 1857, acquired his earlier education in the common schools of Deerfield, and finished his studies at the Deerfield High School and the Northwood Seminary. Since leaving school he has remained at the homestead, assisting his father in carrying on the farm; and he is known in this section as an able farmer and a successful dealer in live stock.

A. O. ALEXANDER, of Canobie Lake, in the township of Windham, is without doubt the busiest man in this locality. In addition to caring for his private concerns, he discharges the duties of Postmaster and of agent for both the American Express Company and the Boston & Maine Railroad. He was born in Windham, May 22, 1857, son of Gilbert and Hannah C. (Nichols) Alexander. The family descends from Randall Alexander, one of the original incorporators of the town of Londonderry, N.H., which, since his day, has been divided into several towns. He settled in that part of the grant which was eventually set off as the town of Windham. David Alexander, Mr. Alexander's grandfather, a native and lifelong resident of Windham, was prominent in the community.

Gilbert Alexander was born in Windham. When a young man he learned the ship-carpenter's trade, and followed that occupation industriously for several years. He finally engaged in farming, and followed it prosperously until his death, which occurred May 7, 1874. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah C. Nichols, was a native of Windham. Of her children, A. O. Alexander, the subject of this sketch, was the second-born.

A. O. Alexander was reared to farm life, becoming capable in the lighter duties when he was thirteen years old. From that time until he reached the age of sixteen his time was occupied in farm labor and attending the common schools. He then went to Boston, where for two years he was employed by the Sherman Wringer Company. From Boston he came to South Windham, and was for a time engaged at the Golden Brook Woollen Mills. He then worked as a farm assistant for four years in the employ of Abel Dow. After this he took up the lumber business at Canobie Lake, and carried it on successfully for quite a while. In 1886 he opened a store for general merchandise, thereby becoming the

pioneer merchant of the locality, and has conducted it since. Besides his large stock of staple articles he handles agricultural machinery and farm implements, deals extensively in grain, having a spacious storehouse for that department, and is agent for the best fertilizer concerns, including the Bradley Company and the Frank Coe Company of New York. He has built up a flourishing trade by gaining the confidence of the business public. In November, 1885, he was appointed station agent at Canobie Lake for the Concord Railway, which has since been absorbed by the Boston & Maine system. Having learned telegraphy by personal study, he is now operator here for the Western Union Company. For a number of years he has been agent of the American Express Company. He was appointed Postmaster in February, 1885. Although he is kept constantly busy by his many duties, he succeeds in giving adequate attention to all, with time to spare.

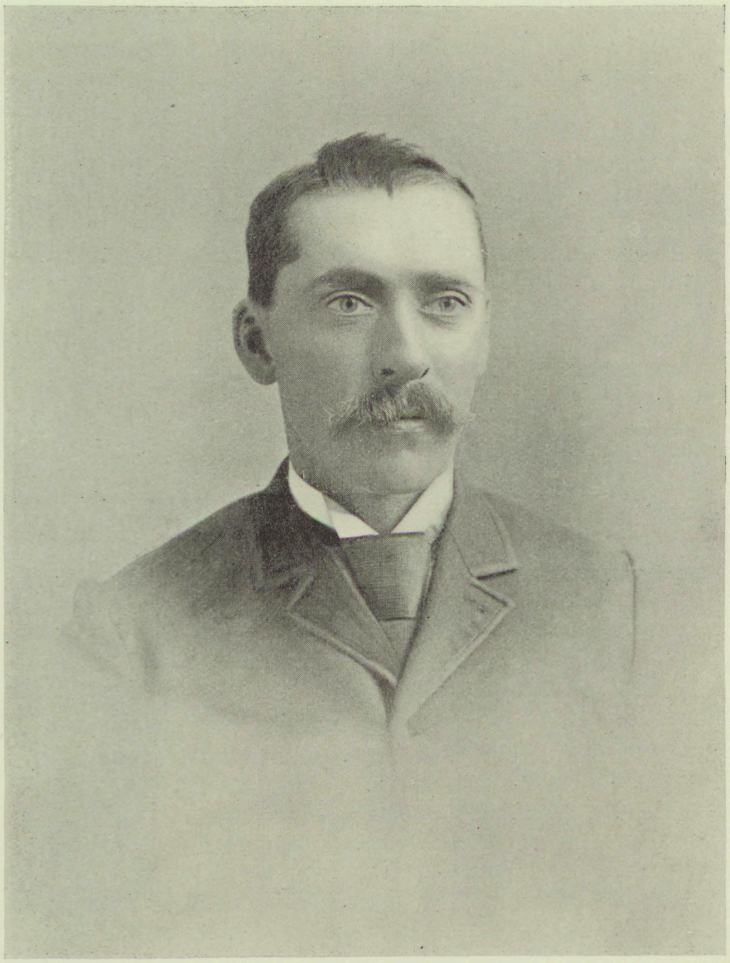
In December, 1880, Mr. Alexander wedded Lizzie L. Dow, daughter of Abel Dow, his former employer. She died February 2, 1893, leaving two children — Hannah M. and Annie M. As a progressive and enterprising business man and a public-spirited citizen Mr. Alexander is held in high esteem by the entire community. In politics he is a Republican.

AUGUSTUS L. BARKER, of Windham, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born here, April 9, 1847, son of Jacob B. and Annie M. (Marden) Barker. Mr. Barker's grandfather, Solomon Barker, was a native of Pelham, Hillsborough County. Solomon's wife, whose maiden name was Butler, was a relative of the late General Benjamin F. Butler.

Jacob B. Barker, who was born in Pelham in March, 1827, moved from there to West Windham. In young manhood he learned the trades of a carpenter and wheelwright, which he afterward followed for many years. He finally engaged in agriculture in this town, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 3, 1888. In his later years he favored the Republican party. He married Annie M. Marden, a native of New Boston, N.H.; and she became the mother of a large family of children. Of these the survivors are: James, Charles H., and Augustus L., who reside in Windham; Mary C., who is now the widow of A. R. Ashby, of this town; Harriet N., the wife of Frank Robbins, of Waltham, Mass.; and Angeline, the wife of Charles K. Barker, of Windham.

Augustus L. Barker received his education in the public schools of Windham. At the age of twenty years he became travelling salesman for N. W. Burke, a cracker manufacturer of Nashua, Hillsborough County. After being upon the road for ten years, he settled upon his present farm in Windham. The property contains one hundred and five acres of well-improved land. Since he took possession of it he has managed very successfully, and is, in consequence, regarded as one of the most progressive general farmers of this locality. In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party. He served the town as Supervisor for several years. For the past six years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen and for the past four years Chairman of that body. He was elected to the legislature in 1894, and he has been there since.

On January 1, 1873, Mr. Barker wedded Mary A. Cochran. She was born in Windham, daughter of James and Sarah A. (Hughes) Cochran. Mr. Cochran was born in this town in 1820. His wife is also a native of Windham. The founders of the Cochran family settled in Londonderry, N.H., in 1719, and in 1742 removed to Windham, where their descendants have since resided. Mrs. Barker's father has been prominent in public affairs here. He served as Town Clerk for a number of years, and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention held in 1890. Besides Mrs. Barker he had seven other children, as follows: James A., who is a resident of East Boston and a member of the Massachusetts legislature; John H., a resident of Boston proper; William B. and Charles H., residents of East Boston; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Currier, of Salisbury, Mass.; Emma M., the wife of George E. Snelling, of Winchester, Mass.; and Ellen R., the wife of John Oberg, of Dorchester, Mass.



CHARLES M. EVANS.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker have one son — Walter C., who was born October 25, 1874. Mr. Barker generally takes an active part in every movement designed to benefit the town. He exercises much influence in politics, as well as in other affairs of public interest. Mrs. Barker is a member of the Presbyterian church, and is active in the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Mr. Barker attends church with his wife.

CHARLES M. EVANS, a rising young farmer and dairyman of South Hampton, N.H., was born in Salisbury, Mass., September 20, 1860, son of Charles A. and Abbie A. (Merrill) Evans. Mr. Evans's father, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and to which the reader is referred for an account of the early ancestors of the family, is at the present time one of the largest farmers of the neighboring town of Kensington, N.H. He was born in Seabrook, N.H., March 4, 1830; and his first wife, mother of Charles M., was born in Salisbury, Mass., August 14, 1836. Charles A. Evans is a Republican in politics, and is prominent in public affairs in Kensington, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Supervisor. His first wife, Abbie A. Merrill, was the mother of ten children, eight of whom are living, namely: Mary Frances; Eliza M.; Charles M. and Daniel M., twin brothers; Amos M.; John A.; Moses W.; and Joseph C. The others were: Sarah Abbie; and John, who died young. Charles A. Evans wedded for his second wife Abbie C. Lowe, a native of Maine, and by this union has had three children — Arthur W.; Grace M.; and Marion, who is no longer living.

Charles M. Evans, the subject of the present sketch, grew to manhood in Salisbury, Mass., Kensington, and South Hampton, N.H.; and his education was acquired in the schools of these towns. At the age of twenty years he bought his first real estate, a small piece of land in South Hampton containing about thirty acres; and, having added to his acreage as he advanced in prosperity, he now owns a good farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, and is one of the most extensive general farmers and dairymen in town. He keeps some excellent stock, and has four or five acres devoted to the raising of apples, pears, peaches, and small fruits, the marketing of which yields him a good income annually. He conducts his property upon a progressive scale, taking advantage of all modern improvements, and by his able management has reached a position among the well-to-do agriculturists of South Hampton. He was for some time interested in lumbering with his brother, Daniel M.; and he later carried on a thriving business in that industry upon his own account with profit.

On April 11, 1882, Mr. Evans was united in marriage with Eliza Palmer, who was born in Carleton County, New Brunswick, May 16, 1863. She is a daughter of Jacob and Louise (True) Palmer, both of whom are living, her father being a retired farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans have five children, as follows: Abbie M. and Ethel D., twins, who were born January 31, 1885; Willis J., who was born December 15, 1888; Ralph P., who was born July 29, 1891; and Howard T., who was born April 10, 1895.

Politically, Mr. Evans is a Republican. He has served with marked ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen for one term, was for three years upon the School Board, and has held other town offices. He is possessed of those essential qualities of manhood which are the elements of success in life, and his present substantial prosperity is the result of his own energy and perseverance. Mr. Evans is a member of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Evans is an attendant.

JOHN A. BLAKE, one of the leading residents of Kensington and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born upon his farm in this town, December 8, 1828, son of Ira and Dorothy (Sanborn) Blake. Mr. Blake's great-grand-father, Hezekiah Blake, was an early settler in Kensington, where he died at an advanced age; and Mr. Blake's grandparents, John P. and Sarah Blake, were natives and lifelong residents of this town. The ancestors

of the family have been successfully engaged in farming here for three generations.

Ira Blake, Mr. Blake's father, was born in Kensington in November, 1799, and resided upon the farm now owned by his son, John A., from the age of thirteen years until his death. He conducted general farming in a progressive way, taking advantage of every known method to increase the fertility of his land and enhance the quality of his crops. He also did a great deal of probate business, settling many estates, and was well known as a surveyor of land and a general conveyancer. He was prominent in politics, successively supporting the Whig and Republican parties, and served with ability for two terms both as a Selectman and legislative Representative. He had the sincere esteem and hearty good will of his neighbors and the townspeople generally, and his useful life terminated in 1876. In religious belief he was a Unitarian. His wife, Dorothy, who was born in Kensington in 1801, became the mother of five children, as follows: John A., the subject of this sketch; Lucy E., who is the widow of John S. Cram, and lives at Hampton Falls, this county; Ira N., a resident of Northwood; Mary S., who resides with her brother in this town; and Sarah E., who is the wife of William A. Cram, of Hampton Falls. The mother died in 1884.

John A. Blake passed his youth as a farm boy, obtaining his education in the schools of Kensington. In young manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his own account; and, succeeding to the ownership of the homestead, he has since carried it on successfully. The estate contains one hundred and thirty-five acres, is well located, and has excellent buildings. On March 17, 1859, Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Lydia A. Prescott, who was born in Kensington in 1830. She died in 1890, leaving no children. Mr. and Mrs. Blake had an adopted son, William B., who was born in 1878. In public affairs Mr. Blake has figured quite conspicuously. He has been Town Treasurer, was Selectman three terms and a Representative in the legislature of 1865-66. In politics he supports the Republican party. In his religious belief he is a Universalist. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and is President of the Board of Trustees of the Kensington Social Library.

JOHN W. FORSAITH, one of South Hampton's representative farmers, was born upon the farm where he now resides, November 20, 1849, son of John C. and Mary W. (Healey) Forsaith. Mr. Forsaith's grandfather, Dr. Robert Forsaith, was a leading physician of his day in the town of New Market, this county. In the winter of 1817, being then comparatively young, he was found dead in his sleigh, having been prostrated by the severe cold while making his usual calls.

John C. Forsaith was born in New Market, November 25, 1811. In early manhood he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Massachusetts, residing successively in Salem, Chelsea, and Boston. He was also in business in New York City previous to 1840. He then came to South Hampton, and was in business here for some eight years. At the end of that time he relinquished mercantile pursuits, and in 1847 settled upon the farm of one hundred acres, where his sons now reside. He was an industrious farmer, and made on the property various improvements that are still visible. His death occurred on February 6, 1876. He took an active interest in the general welfare of the community, was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, and served in the legislature of 1856-57. He was well informed upon all current subjects of the day, was especially interested in educational matters, served as a Trustee of Barnard Academy, and was a member of the Universalist church. His wife, in maidenhood Mary W. Healey, who was born in Kensington, September 19, 1820, became the mother of six children. These were: Elizabeth E., born August 4, 1843, who now lives in Newburyport, Mass.; George N., born December 14, 1845, who died January 31, 1891; Mary O., born November 12, 1847, who resides in East Kingston; John W., the subject of this sketch; Ella A., born January 25, 1852, who died July 21, 1881; and Frank Pearce, born January 15, 1855, who occupies the homestead with his brother. The mother died June 19, 1884.

John W. Forsaith was educated in the district schools of South Hampton and at Barnard Academy. He has given his attention to general farming at the homestead, which he carries on in company with his brother. The property is one of the best-kept estates in the township. He is industrious and enterprising, and is counted among the foremost people of this place. On November 20, 1868, Mr. Forsaith was united in marriage with Lizzie H. Evans. She was born in Salisbury, Mass., July 18, 1852, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary S. (Hale) Evans. Mr. Evans was a native of Salisbury, born in 1826; while his wife, a native of Newburyport, Mass., was born in 1832. Both are still living, and reside in Salisbury. In politics Mr. Forsaith is a Democrat, while he is liberal in his religious views. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Barnard Academy. The preservation of his family history is a matter of deep interest to him.

DAVID C. HAWES, of Hampton Falls, who is extensively engaged in the manufacture of phosphate, was born in New Bedford, Bristol County, Mass., June 15, 1832, son of Levi and Azubah C. (Capen) Hawes. His father, a native of Stoughton, Mass., was there engaged in general husbandry, and also in conveying firewood to Boston, Mass. He subsequently removed to New Bedford, Mass., where he purchased a farm, and there passed his declining years. He was twice married, the first time to a Miss Turner. His second marriage, contracted with Miss Azubah C. Capen, resulted in the birth of seven children; namely, Levi (deceased), Elenor, Azubah (deceased), Jonathan C., Thomas, Elisha, and David C. The father passed away in 1880, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. His wife's death occurred in 1878, aged eighty-nine years.

David C. Hawes obtained his education in the district schools. At the age of eighteen, in company with his brother Thomas, he set out for California, making the journey in sixty days by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Under the direction of his brother he "prospected" in California until 1857, after which both returned home by the same route they had taken going out. Mr. Hawes afterward purchased a portion of his father's farm, and was thereon engaged in farming until the outbreak of the Civil War. In 1863 he removed to Hampton Falls, N.H., and bought the estate known as the Melcher farm, containing about one hundred and thirty acres of land, on which he has resided uninterruptedly to the present time. About 1893 he started his present business, the manufacture of phosphate. The annual output of his factory now is about fifty tons of the product. The beneficial effects of the industry are already visible in the surrounding country, where the commodity is used as a fertilizer, although he manufactures it largely for special purposes.

On May 15, 1857, he joined in matrimony with Miss Mary H. Sanborn, of Kensington, N.H., who has borne him six children, as follows: Levi M., who resides in the State of California; Edwin D., who lives at Lynn, Mass.; Frank S., a resident of Orange, N.J.; Samuel C., residing at home; Henry W., also a resident of California; and Mary A., residing at home. Mr. Hawes has served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of Selectman for two years. In national politics his principles bring him into affiliation with the Republican party. He deposited his first Presidential vote in 1856 for J. C. Fremont.

WILLIAM I. HOLMES, a well-known agriculturist of Rye, was born in Portsmouth, N.H., December 1, 1831, son of William and Mary (Rand) Holmes. His grandfather, James Holmes, also a native of Portsmouth, was there engaged in general farming, and plied his trade of shoemaker. James Holmes was united in marriage with Miss Deborah Libbey, of Portsmouth; and they became the parents of three children, only one of whom, William, attained maturity. He participated in the second war with England, in which he was either killed or died a natural death. His wife passed away when a comparatively young woman.

William Holmes, who was a boy when he lost his father, passed his youth in Ports-

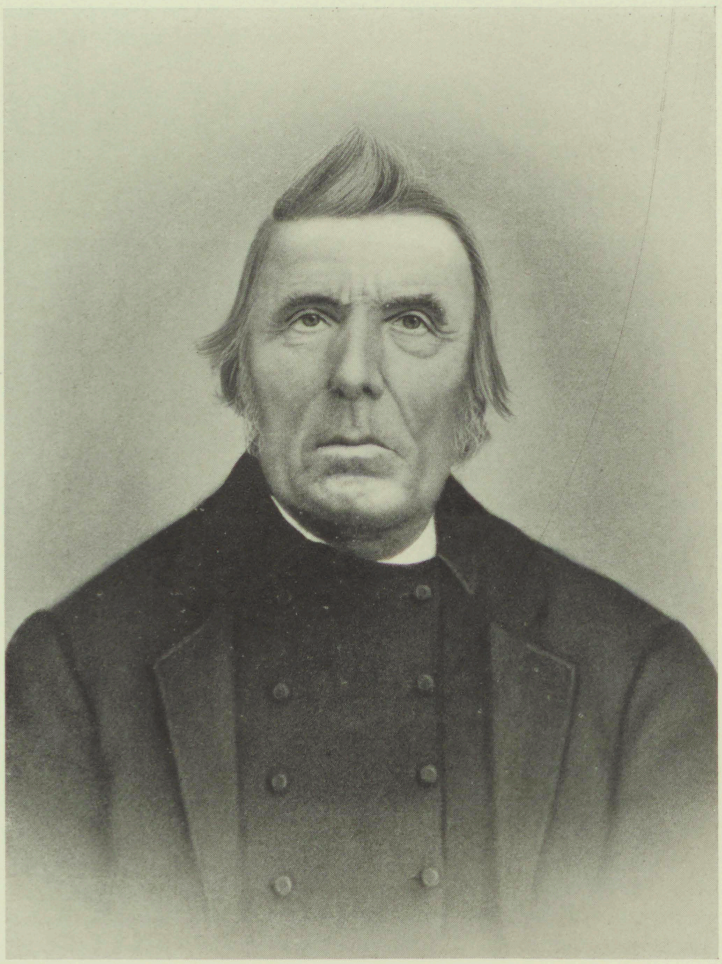
mouth, receiving his education in the district schools. Subsequently he removed to Rye, where he purchased a small farm, the nucleus of that on which his son, William I., now resides. There he passed the remainder of his life, occupied in general farming. He joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Rand, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rand, of Rye. Of the union there were born three children — Sophia C., Joseph R., and William I. Sophia, who died in Rye, married John S. Marden, of Rye, and had one child, Anna. Anna subsequently married Clarence Mathes, formerly a surfman for fourteen years, now a carpenter of Rye, and has one child, an infant. Joseph R. Holmes received in marriage the hand of Miss Charlotte L. Seavey, a native of Rye, who gave birth to three daughters — Mary E., Anna, and Sarah. Mary E. married Albert H. Drake, resides at Rye, and has three children — Ruth, Joseph, and Willard. The second daughter of Joseph R., Anna Holmes, is now the wife of Willard Paul, a dealer in hardware at Portsmouth, and has one child, now in its infancy. William Holmes, the father of William I., for a number of years served on the Board of Selectmen. He was also Town Appraiser and for many terms Assessor. The honor of representing his town in the State legislature was likewise his. He died February 22, 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-five years and nine days. His wife's death occurred March 23, 1863.

William I. Holmes acquired his education in the district schools of Rye. He has always resided on the paternal estate. Since coming into its possession he has considerably enlarged it by purchases made at various times. At the time of the Civil War he was drafted for service; but he procured release from that duty by the payment of the required amount of money, circumstances rendering that course very advisable. In 1861 Mr. Holmes wedded Miss Sarah E. Trefethen, a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Berry) Trefethen, of Rye, and became the father of four children, only one of whom, Ella G., survives. The others died, the victims of scarlet fever. Ella was given in marriage to J. Everett Odiome; and they now reside in Rye with their children — Edith H. and Harry E.

Mr. Holmes is well known and favorably regarded throughout the community. He has served his townsmen in several public positions. In national politics he is a "true-blue" Democrat, having continually supported the candidates and advocated the principles of that party since his majority. He cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856.

JOHN H. GRIFFIN, a prominent hardware merchant of New Market, was born in Dedham, Mass., in 1855. His parents were James J. and Irene C. (McDaniel) Griffin. The father was a native of Lee, Strafford County, where he was a resident for about forty years. While in Dedham, Mass., he was superintendent of the almshouse. He was also in the lumber business, dealing quite extensively in wood lots. When in Lee he was engaged in farming. He died about 1889. His wife, who was a native of Barrington, N.H., passed away ten years earlier.

John H. Griffin was two and a half years old when he went with his parents to Lee. His early education was received in East Kingston, this county. He subsequently attended schools in New Hampton and Dover, N.H. He would have gone to college but for the fact that his mother was an invalid for many years. At the age of twenty-three he left the home farm to accept a clerkship in the grocery business. Three years afterward he bought a grocery with his earnings. After starting with a partner he bought out that gentleman's interest nine months later, and thereafter was sole proprietor for nine years. Mr. Griffin's success in the business was almost phenomenal. During the last five years in this enterprise his average annual receipts were fifty thousand dollars. When his father died he settled the estate, and came to New Market, buying his present business. He has a large and complete stock of hardware, and is a live, progressive man, who stands high in commercial circles. In politics he is a Republican, with an abiding faith in the purity of the party. He was Town Clerk in Madbury, N.H., for four years, and also served as superintendent of schools. In the spring of



DANIEL H. KIMBALL.

1892, much against his wish, he was nominated as Selectman, and was elected by a majority of one hundred and three, notwithstanding the fact that the town had gone Democratic for thirteen years previously. During his two years' service as Chairman of the Board there was a marked change for the better in town affairs. He declined further service, but it is confidently hoped that he will accept a seat in the legislature of 1896. Mr. Griffin is a member of Mount Pleasant Lodge and the Prescott Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the U. R. of the order, being likewise a member of the Rebekah Degree.

In October, 1888, Mr. Griffin became a happy benedict by leading to the altar Abbie G. Bartlett, daughter of James W. and Caroline (Goodwin) Bartlett, of Eliot, Me. They have since become the parents of three children — Caroline, J. Bartlett, and Ione Griffin. The mother is a highly respected member of the Methodist church in Eliot, Me.

FRANK P. BLAISDELL, an esteemed Selectman of Epping, was born in New Market, this county, in 1853, son of John S. and Mary E. (Edgerly) Blaisdell. The father was a native of Epping, where, excepting ten years that he lived in New Market, he spent all his life, engaged in farming and lumbering. He was a quiet, unassuming man, who had the respect of the community, served it as Selectman in 1876, and died in 1891, at the age of seventy-eight. His widow is still living.

Frank P. Blaisdell received his education in the district schools of Epping, having come to this town with his parents when he was but a year old. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and subsequently worked at it in Concord, N.H. On account of business stagnation he has had but little work during the past few years. He has always lived on the home farm, which is a neat little place of seventy acres, the buildings being substantial and up-to-date. In politics Mr. Blaisdell is a pronounced Democrat. He takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and was an active member of the Building Committee during the construction of the Epping town hall. In 1894 he was elected Selectman, and re-elected in 1895 and 1896, being now in office. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in 1895, was Mabel A. Whittemore. She is a native of Chateaugay, N.Y., and a daughter of Peter and Almira H. Whittemore. Mr. Blaisdell is not connected with any religious denomination; while his wife is a member of the First Congregational Church.

DANIEL H. KIMBALL, whose death occurred at the old Kimball homestead in East Kingston, N.H., June 20, 1871, was closely associated with the agricultural interests of this township for many years as one of its industrious and thrifty farmers. He was born December 16, 1795, at Newton, Rockingham County, son of Jonathan and Lois (Rowell) Kimball.

Jonathan Kimball was a native resident of Newton, his birth having occurred there, May 19, 1759. He was engaged in cutting timber and tilling the soil throughout the active period of his life, which embraced little more than fifty-five years. He died on September 2, 1814. His wife, whose maiden name was Lois Rowell, was born in Amesbury, Essex County, Mass., October 14, 1760, and died at the family homestead in Newton, September 15, 1848. The six children included in the parental household were: Daniel H., who was the eldest child; William R., born February 15, 1798, who died February 25, 1801; John, born January 20, 1801, who died April 19, 1817; William, born October 6, 1802; Sarah, born March 1, 1805; and Amos, born August 8, 1807.

Daniel H. Kimball grew to man's estate in his native town, where he became thoroughly familiar with farming pursuits. In 1832 he came to East Kingston, and settled on the farm now occupied by his children With persevering energy he labored to clear and improve the land, and before many years had

passed he was numbered among the leading farmers of this vicinity. He continued living here until his demise, and was a man of great intelligence and influence, occupying a prominent position in the community.

Mr. Kimball was married March 4, 1821, to Miss Hannah Hoyt, by whom he had ten children, the following being the record: Sallie L., born January 26, 1823, died September 2, 1847; Mary A., born September 13, 1824, died September 30, 1828; Martha Emeline, born July 18, 1827, died November 19, 1890; Mary Ann, born October 2, 1829; Daniel Harrison, born April 14, 1832; Caroline and Angeline Juliet (twins), born August 24, 1834, the latter of whom died November 8, 1851; Hannah Louisa, born July 20, 1837; George Warren, born May 23, 1840, died February 19, 1849; and Joseph Franklin, born September 18, 1842. Mary Ann, Daniel Harrison, Caroline, Hannah Louisa, and Joseph Franklin have always lived on the home farm, which they have carried on with gratifying results since the death of their parents.

The Kimball homestead contains one hundred and thirty acres of land, which is in a good state of cultivation; and here they are engaged in general farming, including stock raising to some extent, and having a small dairy, from which they make butter for the market. In politics the Messrs. Kimball are both stanch adherents of the Republican party. Mr. Joseph F. Kimball, who is an ingenious mechanic, has in his possession a box, about a foot square, that he made from woods grown on the old homestead, these woods, surprising to tell, being of no less than eighty-eight varieties. In the house are many ancient and valuable relics to delight the eye of an antiquary, among them being a very old and rare paper shilling. Miss Kimball has a quilt made by her great-grandmother, which contains some pieces of the wedding gown of that distant ancestress.

WILLIAM CALVIN HARRIS, a representative of one of Windham's oldest families and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born at his present residence in this town, December 14, 1822, son of the Rev. Samuel and Ruth (Pratt) Harris. The family is descended from Thomas Harris, who came from England and settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1636. Deacon Jacob Harris, Mr. Harris's grandfather, was born in Ipswich, but settled before the Revolution in Ashburnham, Mass., where most of his life was spent. He died in Windham in 1826, aged eighty-five.

The Rev. Samuel Harris, Mr. Harris's father, was born in Ashburnham; and in young manhood he was engaged in teaching school. He studied for the ministry, and in 1805 was ordained and installed pastor of the Presbyterian church and congregation of Windham, which relation he sustained for twenty-one years, retaining his residence in town till his death in 1848, at the age of seventy-four. He preached in what is now the town house at Windham Centre, and was a faithful and successful pastor and a highly respected and prominent citizen, well known in all this region and active in all educational and reform movements as well as church work. In addition to his ministerial duties he tilled the soil with energy and success, clearing up his farm from woodland, and in 1811 building the pleasantly located residence, which, having been since enlarged and remodelled, is now occupied by his son. His wife, who before marriage was Ruth Pratt, and was a native of New Ipswich, N.H., became the mother of twelve children, ten of them growing to maturity, each of whom received a good education, and filled an honored place in the world. Of these the only present survivor is the eleventh, William Calvin, the subject of this sketch.

William C. Harris began his education in the district schools of his neighborhood, continuing his studies at private schools of higher grade in Nashua, N.H.; and before his marriage he taught six terms of school in Salem. Having been reared upon a farm, he eventually adopted agriculture as his principal occupation, and succeeded to the possession of the homestead property. To this he has added a large tract of adjoining woodland, which borders upon Cobbett's Pond, one of the finest summer resorts in the county. The tillage

portion of his farm is carefully cultivated, and as a general farmer he is still exceedingly active and energetic for one of his years.

Politically, he has long been a leading spirit in the Republican party in this section. He represented his native town in the legislature of 1865, and has almost constantly served the town in the various offices of responsibility. He was Moderator of the annual meetings for ten years, Town Clerk four years, Treasurer six years (1863–68), Chairman of the Boards of Selectmen and of supervisors of the check list two terms each, and Chairman of the School Board for seven years from 1887. He has also been a Justice of the Peace for about thirty years.

On June 23, 1853, Mr. Harris wedded Philena H. Dinsmore. She was born in Auburn, N.H., October 3, 1831, the eleventh child of Deacon Samuel and Hannah (Blanchard) Dinsmore, both of whom were natives of Auburn. Mrs. Harris's great-grandfather, David Dinsmore, who was a native of the north of Ireland, and of Scotch ancestry, emigrated to America in Colonial times, and became one of the first settlers of the town of Auburn. Deacon Samuel Dinsmore, Mrs. Harris's father, was a highly respected resident of Auburn, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He died in 1863, having reared a family of twelve children, of whom five now survive. Mrs. Harris's maternal grandfather was the Hon. Joseph Blanchard, of Auburn, a State Senator and Councillor, and a Presbyterian Ruling Elder for about forty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have had three children, two of whom are living, namely: William Samuel, Professor of Science in Coe's Academy at Northwood since 1891; and Mary Ella, wife of John W. M. Worledge, of Windham. Professor Harris is a well-known teacher and writer, and the author of a valuable history of the Harris family, published in 1883.

Mr. Harris and his family are all members of the Presbyterian church in Windham. He has been for many years closely connected with all that concerns the interests of the church, Sunday-school, and religious society, has been one of the Ruling Elders of the church since 1878, many years a teacher in the Sunday-school, and was its superintendent for ten years, 1878–88. Mr. and Mrs. Harris observed their silver wedding anniversary in 1878. During all their married life, now more than forty-three years, the comfort and hospitality of their home have been enjoyed by multitudes of relatives and visiting friends.

WILLIAM BURLINGAME, of Exeter, N.H., agent and Treasurer of the Exeter Machine Works, was born in Coventry, R.I., in 1838, son of Elder James and Lucy (Dana) Burlingame. His paternal grandparents were Captain Peter and Elizabeth Burlingame. They reared three sons and one daughter, namely: Philip, a minister of the gospel; Peter, who settled in Central New York, and reared a large family; James, the father of our subject; and Sarah, who married Philip Potter.

James Burlingame was born in Sterling, Conn., May 13, 1794. His boyhood and early life were passed on a farm, and his first knowledge of books was obtained at the district school, where, too, it might be said, he gained his first knowledge of human nature; for, after finishing his studies, he taught for a while, and to the teacher human nature is an open book. He was converted at the age of seventeen, baptized the next year, 1812, and began to preach at the age of twenty-one. He served in the War of 1812, for which the government afterward awarded him a pension and a land warrant. The prodigious labors of his early ministry required great powers of endurance; but nature had endowed Elder Burlingame with a large frame and a strong constitution, which carried him through successfully. He had a large and growing family to support; and, as ministers of his faith in those days received no fixed salary, but were dependent on voluntary contributions, which were necessarily scanty, he toiled early and late on his farm to supply the needs of the home; and at the same time he devoted the small hours of the night to study, acquiring a remarkable knowledge of the Bible. He was pastor of a church at Rice City, Kent County, R.I., from the time of its organization, 1824, until 1855, when he re-

moved to Connecticut; and in 1866 he returned to his charge, remaining until a year prior to his death. He travelled and preached in the New England and Middle States, and made tours through the West; and during the antislavery excitement he travelled extensively in the Southern States, learning for himself the condition of the slaves and whites. The Rev. James Burlingame died in Boston, Mass., at the residence of his son John, August 20, 1881.

He was three times married. His first wife, Eliza Dana, to whom he was united when he was nineteen years of age, died October 28, 1834. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survived her. His second wife was Lucy B. Dana, his first wife's sister. She became mistress of his home November 22, 1855, and passed away January 29, 1876, being then seventy-six years old. Eliza and Lucy B. Dana were the daughters of Colvell and Lydia (Brown) Dana. Colvell Dana was a merchant in the West India trade. A man of enterprise and courage, he went to France himself to demand indemnity for his vessels seized at the time of the spoliation trouble; and, though his loss was never fully paid, he had the satisfaction of knowing that his claim reached headquarters. By his second union Elder Burlingame had two children — William; and Mary, who died several years ago. His children now living besides the subject of this sketch are: Lydia, widow of Jason Vaughn, of Providence, R.I.; Ann E., wife of Randall R. Bates, of Rice City, R.I.; and James P., a resident of Norwich, Conn.

William Burlingame attended Greenwich Seminary, R.I., and Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio, studying at the latter institution when Horace Mann was its President. Mr. Burlingame next learned the machinist's trade, serving his time in Providence. In 1864 he took charge of building the Brayton engines for the Squamscot Machine Company in South New Market, N.H.; and in 1865 he entered on similar duties for the Exeter Machine Company, with which he has since been connected. The Choate Manufacturing Company started this business in 1863, and conducted it until 1868. In that year Mr. Burlingame and J. Albert Clarke formed a company, and named the manufactory the Exeter Machine Works. The plant was burned in 1870, and was rebuilt at once by the Exeter Foundry and Machine Company, and leased by these gentlemen, the lease running to 1876. A stock company, formed in that year, purchased the plant, which covers between three and four acres of land, and under the name of the Exeter Machine Works has since controlled a prosperous business. The company employ from one hundred to one hundred and fifty men. They manufacture engines and heating apparatus, and produce the best radiators and boilers in the market. Mr. Burlingame was also one of the founders of the Exeter Co-operative Bank, of which he is now President; and he is a Director of the Exeter Gas Light Company. He has been for twelve years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Robinson Seminary.

In 1867 Mr. Burlingame was married to Amy, daughter of Robert Carter; and by this union he had two sons — William B. and James C., both now married and residents of Exeter. By his second wife, whom he married in 1877, Harriet, daughter of Colvell Boyd, of Providence, R.I., Mr. Burlingame has four children — Harold D., who is attending school; Amy B., a miss of twelve, attending the seminary; Robert A. and Ella W., aged respectively ten and eight years.

Mr. Burlingame is prominent in the councils of the Republican party, and represented Exeter in the legislature two years, 1877 and 1878. He is a Chapter Mason. His home, where he has lived since 1887, is a handsome residence on Main Street.

HON. JOHN CONLON, who for more than a quarter of a century was associated with the mercantile interests of Portsmouth, died at his late home in this city, April 6, 1894. He was born in July, 1834, in County Antrim, Ireland, where he lived until eighteen years of age. Desiring to better his condition, he then emigrated to the United States, settling first in Albany, N.Y., where he worked five years in McKnight's brewery, having charge of different departments of the plant. Coming

then to Portsmouth, Mr. Conlon accepted a position in the Frank Jones brewery, and for nine consecutive years had supervision of the scalding department. Being a capable workman, he received good wages, and in course of time accumulated enough money to establish himself in business. In June, 1868, he opened a store at 18 Penhallow Street, stocking it with a complete line of groceries, provisions, and ship-chandlery; and there he carried on a successful business until his death, a period of nearly twenty-six years. He invested his capital judiciously, becoming interested in the Portsmouth Brewing Company, of which he was the third largest stockholder. For three years also he was its manager, and had much to do with placing it on a secure basis as an established manufacturing company. In business affairs he was keen and far-sighted, evincing good judgment, and meeting with invariable success in his undertakings. His prosperity was the natural result of his mental sagacity and physical energy, the whole being balanced by an honesty of purpose that commanded respect.

Politically, Mr. Conlon was a sturdy adherent of the Democratic party, and for several years was a member of the County Committee. He served his fellow-townsmen in various official capacities, always with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He served as Alderman, Assessor of Taxes, and for one term as Representative to the State legislature. A short time previous to his death he became a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On July 3, 1861, Mr. Conlon was united in marriage with Margaret, daughter of Cornelius Mead. She was born in Fredericktown, N.S., but was educated in one of Boston's suburbs. Eight children were born of their union, four of whom are now living.

BENJAMIN J. SANBORN, senior member of the firm of B. J. Sanborn & Sons, dealers in groceries and general merchandise and proprietors of the well-known Sanborn Creamery of Leavitt's Hill, Deerfield, N.H., was born where he now resides, October 8, 1823, son of Benjamin and Sally (Fellows) Sanborn. Ancestors of the family, which is of English origin, were early settlers in Kingston, N.H.; and Mr. Sanborn's great-grandfather, Peter Sanborn, who died in that town, January 13, 1810, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years, had three sons who settled in Deerfield; namely, Benjamin, Peter, and Enos.

Benjamin Sanborn, Mr. Sanborn's grandfather, cleared and improved the farm in this town which has since remained in the family possession. When he first lived here, he was accustomed to find his way to church through the dense wilderness by the aid of spotted trees. He died here November 18, 1824, aged eighty-four years. He was a supporter of the Democratic party in politics. He married Theodate Batchelder, and reared a family of ten children.

His son Benjamin Sanborn, second, Mr. B. J. Sanborn's father, was born at the homestead in Deerfield, and was a lifelong resident of this town. He succeeded to the ownership of the property, which he conducted with unusual energy and ability during his active period; and he was prominent in local public affairs, adhering to the Democratic party in politics, and serving as a Selectman. He was an active member of the Baptist church, and contributed liberally toward its support until his death, which took place December 3, 1853, at the age of seventy-nine years and eleven months. His wife, Sally Fellows, who was a native of Deerfield, became the mother of six children, two of whom are living, namely: Peter H., a resident of Deerfield; and Benjamin J., the subject of this sketch.

Benjamin J. Sanborn acquired his education in the common schools, and at an early age began to work upon the home farm of one hundred acres, which eventually fell to him by inheritance. For many years he devoted his attention to general farming; and he has always kept his land up to a high state of cultivation, thus realizing the good results from his diligent efforts. On August 15, 1889, being at that time proprietor of a general store located at the family homestead, he took his two sons, Benjamin E. and Albert F., into joint partnership; and the firm has since been known as B. J. Sanborn & Sons. Subse-

quently they erected a creamery, which is run by the firm as the Sanborn Creamery, and has achieved a high reputation for the purity and excellence of its butter. A short time following the inauguration of the enterprise the average monthly production of butter amounted to seventeen hundred and forty-seven pounds, and the demand is increasing so rapidly that ere long it will be necessary to enlarge the capacity of the creamery. Some idea of the superior quality of Sanborn Creamery products may be obtained from the fact that at the Lancaster (N.H.) Exhibit its butter was awarded the first prize against one hundred and sixty-four competitors, and its butter also received the first premium at the New Hampshire Dairymen's Association Fair.

Mr. Sanborn has been twice married, and by his union with Martha M. Tasker, of Stafford, N.H., whom he wedded April 5, 1849, there are three children living, namely: Benjamin E.; Emma E., wife of George C. Arnold, of Mason, N.H.; and Albert F. In politics Mr. Sanborn is a Republican. He attends the Baptist church.

Benjamin E. Sanborn was born at the family homestead in Deerfield, March 23, 1856. His education was acquired in the public schools of Deerfield and at the Northwood Seminary, and he is now one of the partners of the firm as above mentioned. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served upon the Board of Selectmen three terms. He is connected with Union Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this town, and is a member of the Baptist church. He married Alice J. Johnson, of Deerfield, on May 26, 1880; and he has one son living, Benjamin E., Jr.

Albert F. Sanborn was born December 14, 1861; and after completing his studies in the common and high schools he became a clerk in Manchester, N.H., remaining there for one year. He then returned to the homestead, where he has since resided, and is now engaged in carrying on the creamery and store with his father and brother. On November 29, 1891, he was united in marriage with Ella M. Prescott, of this town. They have one daughter, Mary E., aged two years. Mr. A. F. Sanborn is a member of the Free Baptist church in Manchester; and, like his father and brother, he affiliates with the Republican party in politics.

CHARLES E. KNIGHT, a representative man of Salem, N.H., was born in Shelburne, February 3, 1831, son of Joseph and Sylvia S. (Ketchum) Knight. Josiah Knight, his grandfather, who was of English extraction, fought for five years under Washington and Lafayette in the Revolutionary War. Joseph Knight, who spent most of his life in Franklin and Clinton Counties of New York State, was a native of New England. His wife was born in New York.

Charles E. Knight was reared and educated at home until he was about fourteen years of age. He then joined a civil engineering corps on the Ogdensburg & Lake Champlain Railroad, where he was employed for several years. He spent several years more working in machine shops in various places, and went in 1854 to Manchester, N.H., where he worked in the Amoskeag Locomotive Works. When the Civil War broke out he was for a time employed at the government navy yard at Philadelphia. After a period of work there he returned to the Amoskeag Works, where he was for some time occupied in making rifles for army use. Subsequently he worked in the machine shop of the Stark Manufacturing Company of the same city, and later spent a few months in Milford, Mass., superintending for the New England Steam Engine Company. After this he went to Chicago and found work at the Columbian Iron Works. He was next engaged in a machine shop at Topeka, Kan., and then was employed for several years as an engineer by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé Railroad Company. In 1877 he came to Salem, where he settled on his present farm, preferring the quiet and pleasant life of a farmer to working all round the country at his old trade. He has a neat little place of thirty-five acres.

Mr. Knight married Diantha E. Flanders, daughter of Jacob Flanders. Mr. Knight, having had to earn his own living since he was a boy, is surely entitled to be called a self-

made man. Besides being a Selectman of Salem, he was for some time Chairman of the Board. He is well known and liked throughout the whole town as a public-spirited, plain-dealing man. He is a stanch Republican in his political belief.

GEORGE W. DICKEY, an enterprising agriculturist and a representative and influential citizen of Derry, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Salem, this county, July 21, 1834, his parents being David Woodburn and Mary (Davis) Dickey. He is a direct descendant of one of the early and respected families of the old town of Londonderry, N.H.

His father, David Woodburn Dickey, was a son of Robert and Hannah (Woodburn) Dickey, born December 25, 1792. He acquired his elementary education in the common schools, fitted for college at Pinkerton Academy, and was graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of 1818. He then studied law in the office of John Porter at Derry. A few years after establishing himself in the legal profession he removed to Salem, in the southern part of his native county, where he became a prominent attorney. His worthy qualities won the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, whom he served for a number of years in the responsible capacity of Town Clerk. He married Miss Mary Davis, who was born in Derry in 1812. Of the children with whom their union was favored George W. alone survives. David Woodburn Dickey, A.M., died January 26, 1837, aged forty-four years. (See Chapman's "Sketches of Dartmouth College Alumni.") His wife has outlived him many years. She resides now at Milton, N.H., at the advanced age of eighty-four.

George W. Dickey, when he was only two years old, suffered the affliction of losing his father by death; but his youthful and susceptible years were carefully guarded and nurtured, and he was privileged in receiving a course of education at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., and also at Pinkerton Academy, Derry. At the expiration of his period of schooling he engaged for several years in school teaching, principally during the winter season. In 1857 Mr. Dickey fixed his residence in the town of Derry, settling on the farm on which he has lived and which he has successfully managed ever since. The estate comprises two hundred acres of excellent land, which Mr. Dickey regularly keeps under cultivation.

March 17, 1857, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah A. Dickey, the widow of his cousin, the late David W. Dickey, who was named for his father, and a daughter of Robert M. Campbell, a former resident of Windham, N.H. By her first husband Mrs. Dickey had six children — Margaret A., Harrison G., Horace G., Robert C., Frank A., and Myron P. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Dickey, namely: George A., who is now the Principal of the South Berwick (Me.) Academy; Nellie S., who is a teacher in the public schools of Somerville, Mass.; and Etta G., who also is engaged in teaching in the common schools of South Berwick, Me.

In politics he affiliated with the Republican party. Mr. Dickey has received at the hands of his fellow-citizens appointment to several public trusts. For two years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Derry, and for three terms he ably represented the town in the State legislature. During his period of service at Concord his son, George A. Dickey, who is now Professor Dickey of South Berwick, acted first as door-keeper in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and was subsequently promoted to the office of Assistant Clerk, and later was appointed to the position of Clerk of the House. For the long period of thirty-five years Mr. Dickey has held the office of Justice of the Peace. He is a charter member of the Nutfield Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at East Derry. Mr. Dickey is in a real sense a self-made man, having acquired his present material possessions largely by dint of his own energies and personal enterprise and industry. He is an extensive reader, and aims to keep himself informed along the line of the important events and the leading questions of his time. He is public-spirited, and encourages any judicious project that tends to the development and expansion of the town and to the improve-

ment and elevation of society. His personal qualities and his past relation to the community have won for him the esteem and confidence of all those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

JOHN H. FELLOWS, who has recently become a resident of the city of Exeter, N.H., has from early manhood been intimately associated with the manufacturing interests of Brentwood, his native town. He was born August 29, 1850, son of Stephen and Narcissa G. (Sinclair) Fellows, both of Brentwood.

Stephen Fellows was an extensive farmer and lumberman. He established the manufacturing business now carried on jointly by his sons, Russell H. and John H., by his energetic and able efforts placing it on a paying basis. He was twice married, and by his first wife, formerly Miss Sinclair, had five children, John H. being the youngest. A more extended sketch of the parents will be found in connection with the sketch of Russell H. Fellows.

John H. Fellows remained beneath the parental roof until his marriage at the age of twenty-one, when he moved on to a farm in the vicinity. For a quarter of a century he was actively engaged in company with his father in the mill business; and since the death of the latter, June 21, 1895, he has had an equal interest in the box manufacturing business with his brother, Russell H. Fellows. On December 21, 1895, Mr. Fellows removed to the old Fellows farm, which his grandfather reclaimed from the wilderness more than a hundred years age, and on which his parents lived to the end of their days. This homestead property of two hundred acres was well improved, much of the land being in a fine state of cultivation. After occupying the place a few months, Mr. Fellows sold it and removed to Exeter, where he is now residing. He still retains his interest in the box factory, in which he and his brother are carrying on an extensive business, giving employment to a large number of people, their plant being one of the largest in this part of the county.

In politics Mr. Fellows affiliates with the Republican party, of which he is an active and influential member. He was Selectman of Brentwood, and was a Representative to the State legislature in 1893 and 1894. He belongs to Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Exeter, in which he holds a high and important office.

Mr. Fellows was married in June, 1871, to Miss Sarah Celia Norton, who was born in Northwood Centre, Rockingham County. Her parents, Thomas B. and Mary J. (Bennett) Norton, are living on a farm in Northwood, which has been their home for many years, both now being quite aged, though active and hearty. Mrs. Sarah C. Fellows died in 1879, leaving one child, Narcissa G., who is now the wife of Edward Stockton, of Northwood. Mr. Fellows subsequently married Miss Ella M. Wilson, who was born and reared in Exeter, where both of her parents passed their last years. Of this union two children have been born — Willie, who died at an early age; and Ernest R.

OTIS H. SLEEPER, of Exeter, a jeweller and a dealer in watches and gold and silver ornaments, was born in South Weare, N.H., October 4, 1865, son of Pike and Roxie (Lufkin) Sleeper. His father was a native of Francestown, N.H., born in February, 1820. Pike Sleeper spent his life in South Weare, engaged in successful farming. His marriage with Miss Roxie Lufkin took place in the year 1848. She was a daughter of Cyrus and Mary (Madison) Lufkin, of Acworth, Sullivan County. Their three children were: Almond L., who resides on the old farm in South Weare, the place on which his maternal grandfather settled many years ago; Ida E., now the wife of Perley E. Bartlett, of South Ware; and Otis H., the subject of this sketch. The father died in 1860, forty years of age; and the mother in December, 1895, seventy-seven years of age. They are resting in the South Weare cemetery.

Otis H. Sleeper spent his boyhood on the farm, becoming familiar with agricultural labor from an early age. After attending the district school he studied for one term in the high school. At the age of sixteen years he



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went to Goffstown, N.H., where he served an apprenticeship to the jeweller's trade, under A. Lufkin, with whom he remained, in all, four years. He then embarked in business for himself at Northwood, N.H., beginning in a small way with fifty dollars borrowed capital. The show-case, which gave ample accommodation to his stock at that time, twenty inches wide, thirty inches long, and less than a foot in height, is used in his present establishment as a little "catch-all." Eight years later, in May, 1884, he came to Exeter, where in the past twelve years he has built up a good business. He carries a very complete stock of general jewelry, watches, and clocks. His specialty is watches, in the sale of which he spends nearly six months every year on the road. In the special line he has a good trade in New Hampshire and Maine, chiefly among the lumber camps. As a leader for this market he carries the Rockford, Ill., watch in the different grades, and has perhaps bought more of these than any other retail dealer in the East. No doubt his success is to be attributed to personal qualities largely. He is a man of commanding figure, six feet four inches in height and weighing two hundred and forty pounds. Being genial and companionable, he makes himself a welcome visitor wherever he goes. At the same time he is active and wide-awake, and never slights details.

On May 20, 1883, Mr. Sleeper was united in marriage with Miss Emma C. Hobbs, of Deerfield, daughter of William B. and Caroline (Moulton) Hobbs. Her father, who retired from his farm in Deerfield about nine years ago, is now living with her. Her mother died in December, 1891, fifty-eight years of age. A brother, William F., died in 1882, twenty-one years of age. Mrs. Sleeper for a number of years previous to her marriage was successfully engaged in teaching. She has borne her husband four sons, namely: William H., now ten years of age; Almond L., five years old; Perley B., four years old; and Otis H., Jr., one year old. Mr. Sleeper is a Republican, and so far has not been an aspirant to official honors. He is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The family reside at 2 Front Street, in the time-old residence of the heirs of Thomas Marsh, formerly the property of Dr. Swett.

EUGENE D. SANBORN, a prominent resident of Fremont, and the present Town Clerk, was born in this town, September 16, 1868, son of Alvah and Nancy (Page) Sanborn. He comes of good pioneer stock. The homestead property has descended to him from his great-grandfather, Daniel Sanborn, through his grandfather Moses. Alvah Sanborn spent his entire life on the homestead. He married Nancy Page on September 6, 1842, and by her became the father of four children; namely, John Page, Susan E., Alden F., and Eugene D. Susan E. died when thirteen years old.

John Page Sanborn, the eldest son of Alvah Sanborn, after graduating from Dartmouth College in 1869, at once entered upon the profession of teaching. He was principal of the high school at Toledo, Ohio, for two years, afterward having charge of the Franklin School at Topsham, Me. In 1871 he resigned this last position to accept the editor's chair of the *Daily News* of Newport, R.I. He conducted the *News* until November, 1872, when he became editor and proprietor of the Newport *Mercury*, which under his able management has become one of the leading journals of the city. He is conspicuous in the politics and society of Newport. He was elected a Representative to the General Assembly of Rhode Island in 1879, and re-elected in the three succeeding years. In 1885 and 1886 he served with distinction as State Senator. In 1880 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention, and in 1882 was a Commissioner on the Northern Pacific Railway. He was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, of Newport, March 2, 1874, afterward becoming a charter member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 14. In the latter lodge he was appointed First Senior Warden; and on June 25, 1878, he was elected Worthy Master. He was exalted September 27, 1874, in Newport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; was Grand High Priest in 1876 and 1877; was made Knight Templar in Washington Com-

mandery, No. 4, on January 19, 1876; and was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in 1883.

Eugene D. Sanborn remained with his parents, attending the public schools and assisting in the lighter duties of the farm, until fifteen years old, when he was sent away for further instruction to a private school. He first spent a year at New Hampton, Belknap County. Then he went to Ashburnham, Mass., where he attended Cushing Academy for three years. Since then he has been engaged in agriculture. He is the owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred acres, left him by his uncle, the late Sherburn Sanborn. The latter was formerly one of the foremost members of the farming community of Fremont and one of the leaders of the Free Baptist church in the town. Mr. E. D. Sanborn has been very successful in his farming. His farm compares favorably with the best in the vicinity. He makes a specialty of dairying, keeping twelve cows.

Mr. Sanborn was married December 12, 1893, to Miss Lucy May Currier, who was born in this township, July 19, 1873, a daughter of P. R. and Laura A. (Hoyt) Currier. Mr. Sanborn uniformly supports the Republican party, of which he is an influential member. For the past five years he has rendered the town faithful and efficient service as Town Clerk. He is a member of the local grange and a Mason, belonging to Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, N.H. Both he and his wife are regular attendants of the Free Baptist church.

HON. JOHN W. WHEELER, a prosperous manufacturer of Salem, is a native of this town, born August 19, 1827, son of John A. and Mary (Stevens) Wheeler. The latter were born respectively in Salem and Boston, Mass. His grandfather, Richard Wheeler, who took part in the War of 1812, was the son of an early settler of this place; and his maternal grandfather was the son of a pioneer Methodist preacher of Salem. The Wheeler family are said to be of Scotch descent. Of John A. Wheeler's children the Hon. John W. Wheeler and the Rev. A. M. Wheeler are the only survivors. The Rev. Mr. Wheeler, who in past years was a prominent member of the Vermont Methodist Episcopal Conference, now resides at Salem Depot, this county. Both the parents are likewise deceased.

After attending the district schools of Salem, John W. Wheeler was for a year a pupil in the Tilton (N.H.) Seminary. His boyhood and early manhood were spent on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-two he purchased the old woollen-mill of Bailey & Merrill, and engaged in the manufacture of frocking, which he continued successfully for several years. The brick mill, which he then erected, was afterward destroyed by fire, but was soon replaced by the present brick building. To the manufacture of frocking, after a time, he added that of flannel and plain dress goods. When he first started, he was in company with James W. Bailey, forming the firm of Bailey & Wheeler; but at the end of a year the firm dissolved, and both went out of business. A short time after Mr. Wheeler formed a copartnership with George Austin, under the style of Austin & Wheeler. This firm had lasted several years when Mr. Austin withdrew, and Mr. Wheeler became sole proprietor. Beginning with limited resources, Mr. Wheeler by his untiring energy and perseverance has taken his place in the world as a successful business man, having won the esteem and confidence of those with whom he has dealings.

On December 27, 1849, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Phebe Dow, who was born in Windham, N.H., daughter of Richard Dow (deceased). They have had three children, namely: Minnie E., now deceased; William, who is his father's assistant in the mill; and Ethel M. Mr. Wheeler, who has gained considerable prominence in politics, is a stanch supporter of Republicanism. He was Selectman of Salem for three terms. For four terms he was a Representative to the lower house of the New Hampshire legislature; and he served as State Senator from the Second District for two terms, there being at that time but twelve Senators in the legislature. During one term of two years he was a member of Governor Bell's Council.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN AMAZEEN, of New Castle, who has held the commission of pilot for nearly twoscore years, was born in the town, April 1, 1815, son of William and Jane (Jones) Amazeen. The Amazeen family has been represented in this part of the county since Colonial days. Christopher Amazeen, the paternal grandfather of John, was a native of New Castle, and resided there throughout his life. His principal occupation was that of fisherman, and he died at the venerable age of fourscore and ten. William Amazeen, also a native of this place, succeeded his father in business, and for some years dealt largely in fish. Later in life he took to seafaring, and died when eighty-six years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Jones, spent her life in this town, which was her birthplace. She bore him thirteen children; namely, Sarah, William, Joseph, Rufus, John, Mary, Olive, Clarissa, Adeline, Nancy, Eliza Jane, Henry, and Frances. Of these Rufus, John, Henry, and Mary are now living.

John Amazeen was educated in the public schools of New Castle. At the age of seventeen years he went to sea, shipping as a sailor before the mast. With the lapse of time he rose from rank to rank until he was twenty-two years old, when he became master of a vessel. He followed the sea ten years longer, and then forsook it After this he had worked at shoemaking for several years, when, in 1857, he received a commission as pilot. This he still holds; and he is, presumably, the only commissioned pilot now in New Castle. In politics he was formerly a Whig, but became a stanch supporter of the Republican party upon its formation. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1836 for the Whig candidate. In 1877–78 he represented his town in the State legislature, and he was Collector of Taxes for thirteen consecutive years. He is one of the oldest members of the New Hampshire Lodge of Odd Fellows, having joined the order in 1845. In religious belief he is a consistent member of the Baptist church.

At the age of twenty years Mr. Amazeen married Miss Dorothy Neal, a daughter of George and Abigail Neal, of Rye, this county. They had twelve children, eight of whom are deceased. Four of these died within the short period of ten days. The survivors are: Ellen; John, Jr.; Lucy; and Isaiah. John Amazeen, Jr., was a soldier in the late war, serving with the Fourth Maine Battery, which was at the front in many of the important engagements.

JOHN W. YORK, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Kensington, was born on the farm he now occupies, September 29, 1850, son of Daniel G. and Betsey P. (Nudd) York. The Yorks have been natives of New Hampshire for several generations. Solomon York, grandfather of John W., was born in Allenstown, Merrimack County, was a hard-working farmer, spent the greater part of his life in Deerfield, this State, and died in Brunswick, Me., at an advanced age. He supported the Democratic principles with his vote. Of his ten children seven attained maturity

Daniel G. York was born in Northwood, N.H., April 16, 1818, and grew to manhood in Deerfield. He was a carpenter and a competent farmer, and by following both in season he became very well-to-do. When a young man he went to Kensington, and resided for the rest of his life on the farm his wife brought to him when they were married. He was a Democrat, and represented the district in the State legislatures of 1864, 1868, and 1876. In religious belief a Baptist, he was a member of the Calvin Church. He was a man of sound judgment, kind disposition, charitable to all, envious of none. Frugal, honest, and industrious, he was respected at home and honored abroad. By his sudden death on November 20, 1881, the town lost a good citizen, and his family a wise counsellor, a devoted husband, and a kind and loving father. Mr. York was married in Kensington, March 23, 1842, to Betsey P. Nudd, who was born March 23, 1819, on the farm now occupied by her son, John W. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Worthen) Nudd and a grand-daughter of Weare Nudd, the

original owner of the farm. Her family, English in origin, is frequently mentioned in the History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties, which chronicles many interesting facts concerning its members. Weare Nudd was born at Red Oak Hill, Epping, this county, and settled in Kensington in 1780. Here by persevering labor continued for many years he reclaimed a good farm from the wilderness, established a comfortable home for himself and family, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a minute-man in the Revolutionary days. His wife, Jemima, was seventy-four years of age when she passed away. John Nudd, Mrs. York's father, who was born on the Kensington farm, spent his adult life in the cultivation of its broad acres. Daniel G. York and his wife were the parents of two children, namely: Mary A., born September 29, 1848, who is the wife of Arthur Gooch, and has one daughter, Mary Alice; and John W., the subject of this sketch.

John W. York received a good education, attending the schools of his native town and Hampton and Kingston Academies. Since attaining his majority he has given his chief attention to husbandry, following the most improved methods. The greater part of his estate of two hundred and twenty-five acres is under cultivation. With its handsome residence, good farm buildings, high-grade live stock, and choice dairy, it is one of the best farms in the county.

On June 15, 1871, Mr. York was married to Marcia, who was born in Hampton, March 4, 1854, daughter of Jonathan and Theodate (Hobbs) Godfrey. Eight children have blessed the union, namely: Grace G., the wife of Henry Tilton, of Dover, N.H.; Frank N., who married Grace Atkinson, of Chelsea, Mass., and lives in Dover; Katie E., deceased; and Archie T., Mary F., Priscilla M., Daniel I., Marion M., all of whom live with their parents.

Mr. York is a Democrat. He was Town Treasurer two years, a member of the School Board three years, a member of the last Constitutional Convention, and in 1893 a Representative in the General Court. He is also a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry in Kingston. A man of many social gifts, he is very popular among his townsmen. He takes a warm interest in all that concerns the town, and has in his possession editions of all the books ever published there, including an atlas and a number of histories.

ROBERT H. HALL, who is prosperously engaged in the upholstering business at Portsmouth, N.H., was born March 1, 1848, in Hartford, Conn. His father, Edwin Hall, was reared and educated in Bristol, England, coming from there to the United States when a young man. He followed the sea, being engaged in the merchant service as mate of a vessel, and was accidentally drowned on one of his voyages, leaving his young widow with three children, Robert H. being the eldest. A short time after, the mother also passed to the life beyond; and the children were taken care of by strangers.

Robert H. Hall, thus early orphaned, was adopted by the late George H. Raynes, a shipbuilder of this city. He was given excellent opportunities for obtaining an education, and after leaving the common schools successfully passed the examination for the Portsmouth High School; but on account of ill health he was not able to take the prescribed course of study. He consequently went on a sea voyage, after which he began to learn the trade of an upholsterer with Sheldon Brothers, for whom he worked two years. He subsequently secured a position with Fletcher & Tanton, upholsterers; and, after remaining with them twenty-one years, in 1895 he bought the upholstering department, and has since conducted the business, with which he is perfectly conversant, alone. He has an extensive trade, and does a large business in upholstering and repairing, well sustaining the praiseworthy reputation of the previous firm.

In politics Mr. Hall is an uncompromising Democrat. He has served as Selectman from his ward, but declined the nomination for Alderman, which was proffered him in 1895. In social circles Mr. Hall is a conspicuous factor, his practical sagacity and unusual executive ability making him an exceedingly



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helpful member of the numerous lodges with which he is connected. He has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry. In St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and in Washington Chapter, he is Tyler; in Davenport Council, Royal and Select Masters, No. 5, and in De Witt Clinton Commandery, he holds the office of Sentinel. In the Ineffable Lodge of Perfection he is Grand Tyler; in the Grand Princes of Jerusalem he is serving as Tyler; in the New Hampshire Chapter of Rose Croix he is Captain of the Guard, having been previously Tyler of this lodge for thirteen years, as he was of the Edward A. Raymond Consistory, of Nashua, N.H. Mr. Hall is likewise a member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, and of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 97, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as well as the Portsmouth Athletic Club. In religion he is a communicant of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage July 21, 1872, with Elizabeth L., daughter of Newbury Haley, of Kittery, Me. Mrs. Hall passed to the higher life February 25, 1896, leaving two children — Robert H. and Carrie E. The son is connected with the large grocery store of C. A. Taylor, of Haverhill, Mass. The daughter is the wife of William M. Tarleton, of Portsmouth.

JONATHAN K. GORDON, formerly of Salem, N.H., was an old settler of the town. He was born here, September 12, 1809, son of Benjamin and Delia (Wheeler) Gordon. His father, who was also a native of Salem, died here when Jonathan was but six years old. He is said to have been of Scotch origin, and was of the fourth generation of his family in this country. He was brought up to manhood on a farm in Salem. Having received very little schooling, at the age of nine he was bound out for seven years. When seventeen or a little over, he went to work for his brother, Benaiah B. Gordon, of North Salem, with whom he learned the trade of a mason, and remained a number of years. He spent the rest of his life either employed at his trade or engaged in farming. Energetic and intelligent, he was invariably successful in everything he undertook. He was well known in the community and esteemed as a good citizen. In his political belief he was a strong Republican. He was proud of the fact that he was a self-made man in every way. His death, which occurred on October 5, 1888, was mourned by all who knew him.

He was married in the year 1839 to Betsey A. Merrill, of Methuen, Mass., a daughter of John and Betsey (Gordon) Merrill. Mrs. Gordon had moved with her parents to Derry, N.H., when quite young, and was there married to Mr. Gordon. After her marriage she went to live at Salem with her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon had three children — Eben B., now deceased; Mary A., the wife of Amos K. Noyes, of Lynn, Mass.; and Serena E., now residing on the old homestead in North Salem, where she is well known. The mother died in Salem on September 30, 1883.

JOHN C. EVANS, a prominent farmer and lumber manufacturer of South Hampton and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Seabrook, N.H., November 27, 1829, son of Miles and Sally (Chase) Evans. Mr. Evans's grandfather, Lemuel Evans, who was a Revolutionary soldier, after living a short time in Rye, N.H., moved to Strafford, where he cleared a large tract of land, and died, leaving his family well-to-do, at the age of ninety-eight years. He was a hard-working and thrifty man and a useful citizen in his day. He married Sally Caswell, who lived to the age of ninety-six years. Of her thirteen children twelve grew to maturity, but all have since passed away. Grandfather Abram Chase was born in Seabrook; while his father, Nehemiah, came from England, and was one of the first settlers in Seabrook. Abram Chase married Sarah Gove, who was born in the old garrison of Seabrook. They had seven children, as follows: Sally, Abram, Abigail, Enoch, Joseph, Hulda, and Jane.

Miles Evans, who was born in Strafford, in young manhood settled in Seabrook, where he was engaged in tilling the soil for several years. His last days were passed upon the

farm in South Hampton which his son now owns and occupies, and he died at the age of eighty-two years. In politics he was a Democrat and in his religious creed a Free Will Baptist. He was three times married. His first wife, in maidenhood Sally Chase, a native of Seabrook, became the mother of six children, three of whom grew to maturity. These were: Arthur L., who died aged sixty-eight years; John C., the subject of this sketch; and Charles A., a prosperous farmer and milk dealer of Kensington, N.H. The mother died at the age of thirty-six years.

John C. Evans attended the district schools of Seabrook, and in early manhood he engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his present farm in South Hampton. His property contains two hundred and seventy-five acres of good land, the cultivated portion of which produces abundant crops of a superior quality. He has the reputation of being one of the most successful cattle raisers in this part of the county, keeping an average of forty head, some of which are full-blooded Herefords, and the others fine specimens of graded stock. His buildings are among the very best seen in the locality, and the general aspect of the farm very plainly reflects the prosperity of the proprietor. In 1856 he built a saw-mill, where he has since manufactured building material with profit.

On December 10, 1866, Mr. Evans wedded Jane N. Frost. She was born in Salisbury, Mass., November 14, 1842, daughter of Newell and Judith (Bagley) Frost. The former was a general farmer, who also followed carpentering and blacksmithing in that town, and was a very industrious man. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in his religious views a Universalist. He died at the age of forty-seven, and his wife at forty-six years. Mrs. Evans's parents had six children, of whom five grew up, and three are now living, namely: Emily P., who is now Mrs. Bailey; Jane N., who is now Mrs. Evans; and Nelson G. Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have three sons and one daughter, as follows: Sally J., the wife of G. Edward Battis, of Amesbury, Mass.; Gideon W., John N., and Harry W., who reside at home. In politics Mr. Evans supports the Democratic party. He was for two years a member of the Board of Selectmen, has served as Highway Commissioner and Surveyor of Lumber, and ably represented the district in the State legislature of 1871–72. Both he and his wife are very popular socially, having a large number of friends and acquaintances; and they are highly esteemed by all who know them.

FRANK D. LAWRENCE, residing near the village of East Kingston, this county, is a skilful and practical agriculturist. He was born April 5, 1849, in this township, son of Samuel P. and Charlotte S. (Philbrick) Lawrence. The father was a native of Londonderry, N.H., but was reared in this township, having been brought here by his parents when but six months old. He bought the land near the present homestead, and, after living there a while, sold out and bought the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Frank D. Here he conducted mixed husbandry until his death, April 1, 1891. His wife, who was a lifelong resident of this town, died on the home farm, January 15, 1892, a few months after her husband. They were the parents of seven children, namely: John P., who died when young; Hannah P., who died in 1869, and was the wife of Henry Pratt, now a resident of Connecticut; Ann M., who lives on the old homestead with her brother, Frank D.; Frank D., the subject of this sketch; George, who died young; Ella J., who married James Gile, now of Haverhill, Mass., and passed away in 1891, leaving a daughter, Annie C., who lives with her father; and an unnamed child who died in infancy.

Frank D. Lawrence received a common-school education, and was well drilled in the several departments of farming on the old homestead, where he remained until his marriage. He then continued his occupation on a farm near by, remaining there until the death of his parents. He then assumed the management of the old homestead estate. The property contains fifty acres of land. He raises hay, corn, and potatoes, with which he has good success, his land yielding bountiful crops, readily responding to the cultivation and care that he gives it. He keeps five cows,

carrying on a small dairy business. In politics Mr. Lawrence is a stanch Democrat, and is a thoroughly upright, honest man, always dealing fairly and squarely by all. He is an active and capable business man, always ready to encourage and aid all beneficial enterprises, and occupies a high position among the leading citizens of the town. He has faithfully served in the various town offices, including that of Selectman.

Mr. Lawrence was married March 14, 1876, to Miss Francena E. Dow, who was born and reared in this place, being a daughter of Aaron and Lucina (Moss) Dow, both lifelong residents of East Kingston. Mrs. Lawrence died January 16, 1892, leaving two children — Joe F. and Eva M.

JOHN HENRY LANCASTER, one of Salem's oldest residents, is a native of Boston, Mass., born December 19, 1816, son of William and Mary (Brigham) Lancaster. He is a direct descendant of Henry Lancaster, an Englishman, who emigrated to America in 1631, and settled in a part of this county then known as Bloody Point, but which now bears the name of Newington. His grandfather, John Lancaster, and his great-grandfather, Henry Lancaster, and two other relatives bearing the same names, served in the struggle for American independence. William Lancaster, who learned the trade of a mason at Boston, Mass., became a contractor and builder, and erected many fine residences, churches, and public buildings in Boston. Seven children were the fruit of his marriage with Mary Brigham. Of these there are now living: Sarah, who is the widow of Caleb Saunders, and now resides in Hannibal, Mo.; and John Henry and Thomas D., both of Salem. The others were: Mary, Eliza A., Thomas D. (first), and William E. The father died in Boston, September 24, 1821.

John Henry Lancaster was deprived of paternal care at the age of five years by the death of his father. At that time he was taken charge of by his uncle, Thomas Lancaster, of Newburyport, Mass., with whom he remained until he reached his majority. Up to thirteen years of age he attended the public schools of that place, and then learned the trade of carpenter and joiner. At the age of twenty-one he went to Boston, and there worked at his trade until 1851. During the famous log cabin campaign of 1840, when W. H. Harrison ran for President, it was his privilege and pleasure to listen to a speech by Daniel Webster at a Whig celebration. In 1851 he came to Salem, and in the following year he moved with his mother into his present residence. His mother died February 14, 1869.

On May 8, 1860, Mr. Lancaster was united in marriage with Miss Maria J. McLaughlin, of Salem, a daughter of John and Susan T. (Kimball) McLaughlin. Her father, who was born in Ireland, came to America when eighteen years of age, and settled in this town. He was a tailor by trade. Besides Mrs. Lancaster, his wife bore him: James McLaughlin, of Manchester, N.H.; John D., of Haverhill, Mass.; Mary E., the wife of L. O. Norris, of Methuen, Mass.; Clement E., also of Methuen; Kimball M.; and Loren B., of Salem. Their father died May 29, 1864. Mr. Lancaster, who is a stanch Democrat, served in 1859 as a Representative in the State legislature. For three years he was Collector of the town. He is identified with the Masonic Order. Mr. Lancaster, who is a man of sterling integrity, and his wife, a very interesting lady, are highly esteemed in the town.

COLONEL RICHARD M. SCAMMON, one of the most prominent citizens of Stratham and a representative of one of the oldest families in Rockingham County, was born at the Scammon homestead in Stratham, December 6, 1859, son of Richard and Abigail (Batchelder) Scammon. The earliest ancestor of the Scammon family in America was Richard Scammon, who came to Boston, and removed thence to Portsmouth, N.H., where he was living about 1640. The family is of English origin, the first we know of the name being Captain Edmund Scammon, who was commander of an English war vessel, under Admiral Rainsborough, in 1637. The English branch of

the family is at present represented by several families living in Lincolnshire, where they are landholders.

The children of Richard, the emigrant, were: (1) Richard; (2) Anne, who married about 1650 Major Richard Waldron, of Dover, and died February 7, 1685 (Major Waldron was killed by the Indians, June 27, 1689); (3) John, who resided at Kittery, Me., had one daughter; (4) Elizabeth, who married first, about 1649, Peter Lidgett, a merchant of Salem, and second the Hon. John Saffin, Judge of the Superior Court of Massachusetts (she died in November, 1687); and (5) Humphrey, who was born at Portsmouth in 1640, married Elizabeth Jordan, settled at Saco, Me., and died January 1, 1727, and who has many descendants in Saco and vicinity.

Richard, son of the emigrant, came to this country with his father, and married in 1661 Prudence, daughter of William Waldron, Recorder of Court at Dover. He lived at Portsmouth and Dover until 1665, when he settled on the tract known as Shrewsbury Patent, of which he became sole owner. This was located on the east bank of the Squamscot River, extending from the mouth of Wheelwright's Creek to the mouth of Moore's Creek and three miles inland, covering the southern part of the present town of Stratham. Though no part of his property was within the limits of Exeter, he was reckoned with the population of that place, held office there, and was one of the largest tax-payers. He died previous to 1697.

His son William, born February 28, 1664, served in war against the Indians in 1696, and was Selectman at Exeter in 1699 and 1700. When Stratham was chartered as a township, 1716, he was one of the first Board of Selectmen, serving 1716–19. He married Rachel Thurber, of Rehoboth, Mass., January 4, 1721, and died September 28, 1743. His wife died September 25, 1761. She was an active Baptist and instrumental in laying the foundation of several churches.

Their son Richard, born on the farm, November 17, 1722, married in 1753 Elizabeth, daughter of Lieutenant Samuel Weeks, of Greenland. He followed farming with much success. In the latter part of his life he was a ship-owner, and interested in the West India trade. At the beginning of the Revolution he served on the Committee of Safety. He died August 26, 1806. His son Richard married Elizabeth Chase, and was the father of the Hon. Eliakim Scammon, of East Pittston, Me., who was the father of the Hon. J. Young Scammon, the well-known lawyer and banker of Chicago, and General E. P. Scammon, of the United States Army.

James, second son of Richard and Elizabeth, born at Stratham, April 26, 1771, inherited the homestead, and married in April, 1796, Lydia P., daughter of Stephen Wiggin. He was a man of excellent judgment and business capacity. He gave his attention chiefly to farming, but dealt in real estate and engaged in various other enterprises with much success, and was the largest land-owner in his town. He was active in the church, and, politically a strong Democrat, served in the various town offices. He died April 6, 1859. Lydia, his wife, died October 15, 1840.

Richard, son of James and Lydia Scammon, was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born at Stratham, October 24, 1809. Educated at Hampton Academy, he taught school in his younger years, but made farming his life work, winning an unexcelled reputation for industry, good judgment, and integrity. He was a lifelong Democrat, but served many years as Chairman of the Selectmen, though his party was a hopeless minority in the town. He died February 21, 1878. His wife, Abigail Batchelder, whom he married February 9, 1842, was born in North Hampton, February 14, 1813, and died September 6, 1873. They had four children, all of whom are living, namely: (1) Hezekiah, born January 31, 1843, educated at New London and Phillips Exeter Academy, resides in Exeter. (2) James, born June 10, 1844, educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, Brown University, and Albany Law School, is senior member of the firm Scammon, Crosby & Stubenrauch, lawyers, of Kansas City, Mo. (3) Sarah C., born December 16, 1848, resides in Stratham. (4) Colonel Richard M., the subject of this sketch. He was educated at Exeter High School and Cornell University, and resides on the homestead, which has been a possession of

the family since 1642, having one of the largest and best farms in a town noted for its agricultural excellence. His ability and integrity have won for him a high place in the community and in the affairs of the State. Politically a Democrat, he has done effective work for his party on the State and County Committees and on the stump. He was elected Town Treasurer in 1881, Superintendent of Schools in 1883 and 1884, Chairman of Selectmen in 1888, served as Moderator from 1884 to 1894, member of legislature in 1885 and 1886, and member of State Senate in 1890 and 1891; was nominee for Councillor in 1894, and ran much ahead of his ticket; enlisted in the New Hampshire National Guard, 1882, and was promoted Lieutenant, Captain, and Lieutenant Colonel, holding the last commission from 1886 till 1892. He is unmarried, is liberal in his religious views, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the State.

J. FRED SANBORN, a wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Danville township, Rockingham County, N.H., was born April 30, 1858, on the homestead farm which he now owns and occupies. Farming may be said to be his hereditary calling, both his father, John S. Sanborn, and his grandfather, Levi Sanborn, having been engaged in this independent occupation in Danville throughout their entire lives.

John S. Sanborn was an industrious, hard-working man, who in addition to tilling the soil did an extensive business in teaming. He married Johanna B. Philbrick, a native of this town, and four children were born to them; namely, Levi F., Susan M., Eugene, and J. Fred. Levi F. Sanborn married Mary Morris, of Exeter, N.H. They make their home in Boston, Mass., he being a traveller for the hardware firm of Bolles & Wilde. Susan M. Sanborn is the wife of Russell H. Fellows, of Brentwood, of whom a sketch will be found on another page of this volume. Eugene died at the age of three years. Neither parent is now living, the father having passed away April 19, 1873, and the mother January 6, 1895.

J. Fred Sanborn received an academical education in the towns of Kingston and Tilton, this State, and at the age of seventeen years started Westward in search of employment. He worked as a clerk in a grocery store in Chicago three years, returning then to the scenes of his childhood perfectly satisfied to remain at the old home. The following year Mr. Sanborn worked for R. H. Fellows in the box factory, but since that time he has carried on the home farm. He now owns ninety acres of land, on which he has made many valuable improvements, and devotes his time to mixed farming and dairying. His well-kept farm and substantial buildings, with their neat and attractive surroundings, give ample evidence that Mr. Sanborn is a thorough-going and practical farmer and an able manager. In politics he is a sound Democrat.

On July 17, 1887, Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage with Miss Emma Cloutie, who was born in Lawrence, Mass., December 25, 1870. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emede Cloutie. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn are the parents of three bright and interesting children, namely: John S., born September 3, 1888; Charles E., born January 27, 1890; and Harold B., born January 4, 1895.

ARTHUR M. CHASE, Town Treasurer of Deerfield, N.H., son of Stephen and Sally (Philbrick) Chase, was born on the Chase homestead in this town, September 13, 1839, and is connected with some of the oldest families of the town. He is of the seventh generation in descent from Aquila Chase, who came over from England with his brother Thomas, and had grants of land in Hampton in 1640. Aquila had grants of land in 1646 in Newbury, Mass., where he then lived. He died in 1670. He and his wife, Ann Wheeler, had eleven children. The sixth child, Thomas, married first Rebecca Follansbee, and second Elizabeth Mowers, and had eleven children. Nathan, born in 1704, ninth child of Thomas, married Joanna Cheney, and reared four sons — Josiah, Moses, Parker, and Stephen.

Stephen Chase, born in 1750, who was the great-grandfather of Arthur M., came from

Newburyport to Deerfield. He was one of those who in 1776 signed the Test Declaration, pledging themselves to oppose the hostile proceedings of the British fleets and armies against American freedom. He married Mollie Sanborn, and reared four daughters and two sons. The sons were: Henry D., who settled in Jackson, Me.; and William S., who was born in Deerfield in 1778, and lived on the homestead now occupied by his grandson, the subject of this biographical sketch. William S. Chase was a shoemaker, and divided his time between farming and the work of his trade. He attained the age of seventy years, his earthly life ending in 1848. William S. Chase also married a Sanborn, Miss Nancy Sanborn, of Exeter, N.H., who died in 1857, at the age of seventy-four. The children of this couple were: Stephen, the father, above named; Mary A., who was born in 1809, and died in 1856; Eliza D., born in 1811, who married Samuel Lang, and died in 1885; and Ruth B., born in 1815, who married J. S. Chase, of Jackson, Me.

Stephen Chase, son of William, was born on the homestead in Deerfield in 1807. Educated in the public schools of his native town, he made good use of his opportunities for improving his mind, and began to teach at the age of seventeen. As a teacher he was very successful, and was employed in that way until forty-six years of age; and he was during the time superintendent of schools for a number of years. He was a stanch Free Soiler, being one of the first in town, and was Selectman of the town in 1854 and 1855 and Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He died in 1855. His wife, Sally, who was a daughter of Jonathan Philbrick, Jr., of Deerfield, died in 1885, at the age of seventy-six. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Chase: Elizabeth A., who died in 1871, wife of A. L. Sanborn; Ruth A., who died in 1869, wife of A. M. Patten; Arthur M.; and Isaac S., who died at the age of twelve years.

Arthur M. Chase, who is now the only surviving member of his father's family, was educated in the schools of his native town. When the time came for him to choose his vocation he decided on the pursuit of agriculture; and the greater part of his life has been passed on the home farm, of which he is now owner. He spent ten years in Nottingham, this State, and was a soldier in the war for the Union for a while in the South. Enlisting in 1862, he was enrolled as a member of Company D, Fifteenth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers, in which he served eleven months, being in the New Orleans expedition of 1862, and taking part in the siege and capture of Port Hudson. As a farmer he has been very successful, and he occupies a prominent place in the community.

Mr. Chase and Sarah A. Stevens, daughter of Robert Stevens, of Nottingham, were married in 1860, and seven children have been born to him, namely: Abbie R., who died aged ten months; Stephen R., who married Etta Corson, and has two children — Harry L. and Arthur; Roscoe S., who married Celia Ham, of Lowell, Mass.; Andrew P., who was a brakeman on the Massachusetts Central Railroad, and was killed December 23, 1891, at the age of twenty-two, at Jefferson Mills, by falling between the cars; Lena S., who died at the age of twenty-one; Etta S.; and Arthur F.

Mr. Chase votes the Republican ticket. While in Nottingham he served as Selectman three years and Town Treasurer one year; and in Deerfield he has been Selectman one year, was Postmaster under Harrison's administration, is now serving his seventh successive term as Town Treasurer, and has been Justice of the Peace upward of fifteen years. He is Commander of Jere E. Chadwick Post, No. 70, Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to Union Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Silver Lake, Rebekah Lodge, No. 50.

From Aquila Chase, the immigrant ancestor afore mentioned, to and including Harry L., grandson of Mr. Arthur M. Chase, the following is the direct line of descendants: —

Aquila Chase, born in England, came to Hampton, 1630 to 1640; Thomas Chase, born July 25, 1654; Nathan Chase, born in 1704; Stephen Chase, born July 5, 1750; William S. Chase, born February 12, 1778; Stephen Chase, born January 21, 1807; Arthur M. Chase, born September 13, 1839; Stephen R.

Chase, born April 17, 1865; Harry L. Chase, born June 5, 1885.

JOSEPH R. CLARK, a prosperous agriculturist and a prominent and esteemed citizen of Derry, N.H., was born in Beverly, Mass., November 2, 1838, being a son of Reed P. and Elizabeth (Perkins) Clark.

He is a representative of an old and esteemed family of the historic town of Londonderry, N.H., of which Derry was formerly a part. His great-grandfather, William Clark, was of Scotch-Irish parentage, being a son of Robert Clark, who came from the north of Ireland and settled in Londonderry, N.H., on the English Range, north-west of Beaver Pond, in 1725. William Clark married in 1764 Ann Wallace, daughter of John and Annis (Barnett) Wallace, who were the first couple married in Londonderry, May 18, 1721. William Clark and his wife in 1766 settled in New Boston, Hillsborough County, as we learn from the history of that town. Their son Ninian, who was a native of New Boston, removed when a young man to Hancock in the same county; and he there made his home. His second wife, Sally Warner before marriage, was a descendant of William Warner, a native of England, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1637.

Reed Page Clark, son of Ninian and Sally (Warner) Clark, remained at the paternal home in Hancock until he attained his majority. After spending some time in Derry and in other places, engaged mostly in farming, he purchased in 1839 a farm in Londonderry, where, with his wife and family, he took up his abode. He there carried on general agricultural pursuits until his decease. He was among the foremost men in Londonderry, and he enjoyed the cordial esteem and confidence of all his fellow-citizens. In response to their invitation he served them in prominent positions of public trust, being for several years on the Board of Selectmen, and for a number of terms representing his town in the New Hampshire State legislature. For two years he also officiated as a member of the Governor's Council, and at the beginning of the Civil War he filled temporarily the office of Adjutant-general of New Hampshire.

Reed P. Clark married Elizabeth Perkins, who was a native of Essex, Mass. Three of their children still survive, namely: Joseph R.; William, a sketch of whom appears in this volume; and Marianna P., who is now the wife of W. H. Seaman, of Washington, D.C., where he is engaged in the Patent Office. The Hon. Reed P. Clark departed this life in 1882, and in his death the town of Londonderry lost one of its most widely known and highly respected citizens. He was in a large sense a self-made man—all that he became, the property that he succeeded in accumulating, and the efficient public service that he rendered being much the result of his own vigor and enterprise, his industry and his practical wisdom. His worthy qualities were quite generally recognized; and he became prominent, not only in his own town, but also throughout the county.

Joseph R. Clark grew to manhood on the paternal estate in Londonderry, and from his youth onward he engaged in general husbandry. He received his rudimentary education in the common schools of his adopted town, and later enjoyed the privilege of an attendance at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, and also at Henniker Academy in Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. During his earlier manhood he engaged in school teaching for several terms in the winter season. He settled on his present farm in 1862, and he has ever since been successfully engaged in agriculture. His property is situated in Derry, and comprises one hundred and seventy acres of excellent land.

In 1862 Mr. Clark was married to Miss Emily A. Chase, a native of Hillsborough County and a daughter of the late Otis Chase, of Weare in that county. Their union has been blessed in the birth of eight children, all but one of whom are still spared to them. They are as follows: Otis R.; Edna A., a teacher in the high school of Washington, D.C.; Warren D.; Joseph R., who is now deceased; Harry W.; Augustus R.; James P.; and Robert S.

Mr. Clark is identified with the Republican party. For many years he has maintained an

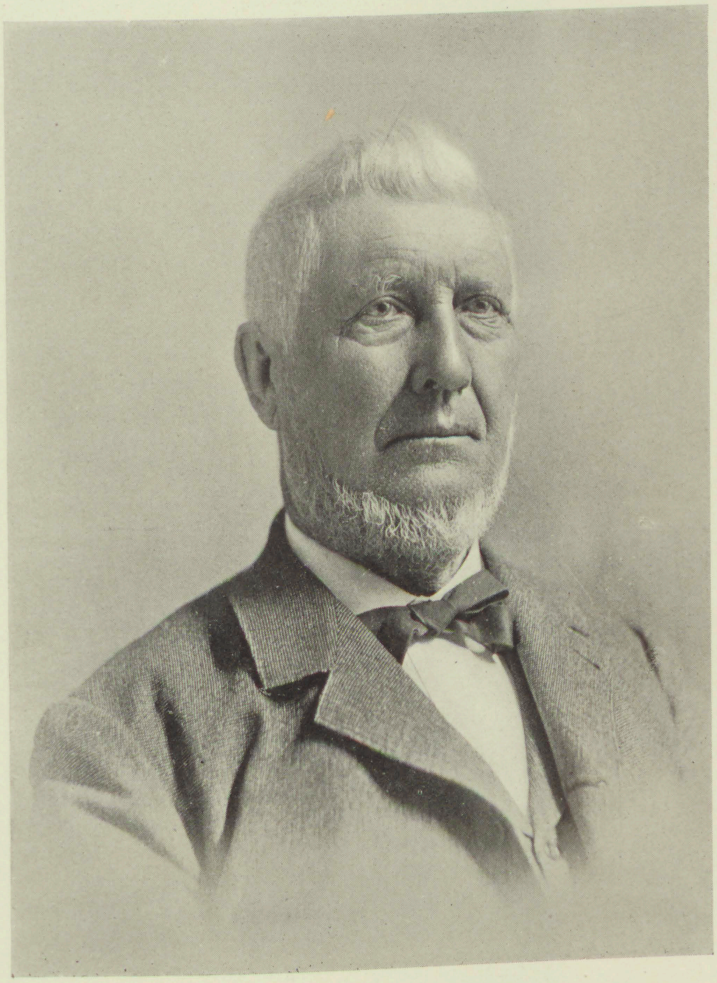
active participation in local politics, and he has been elected by his fellow-citizens to several important offices. For a number of terms he has constituted one member of the Board of Selectmen of Derry, and for one term of three years he has officiated as County Commissioner. He has likewise enjoyed the distinction of representing his town in the State legislature. Socially, Mr. Clark fraternizes with the order of Masons, being a member of St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Derry. Mr. Clark is public-spirited and a representative citizen. He is widely and favorably known throughout his vicinity, and is prominent in both the civic and social life. What he is and has is largely due to his own wisely directed energies and to his thrift and progressiveness, and he lives in the enjoyment of the confidence and respect of the entire social and business community.

GREEN CLARK FOWLER, of Newfields, N.H., who was in the employ of the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad over twenty-three years, and is now living retired at his home in this village, was born in the town of New Market, Rockingham County, February 27, 1823, son of John Cutts and Mary W. (Nutter) Fowler. He comes of an old and honorable family of Norman origin, which has produced a number of distinguished men in England and America.

Richard Fowler, of Foxby, county of Bucks, England, who was in the holy wars in Palestine, was the first of a family that flourished over five hundred years ago in Buckinghamshire and other parts of England. One of his descendants, Sir William Fowler, of the county of Oxford, was knighted by Edward IV., and was created Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was a member of Parliament in 1467. He died November 3, 1477, leaving a will, directing that St. Rumbold's shrine be rebuilt; and in the aisle of the chapel Sir William Fowler and his wife Joan were buried. His eldest son, Sir Richard Fowler, owned a large estate. Edward, the son and heir of Sir Richard, entertained Catharine of Aragon, the first wife of Henry VIII., in September, 1513; and at his home she received the joyful news of the defeat of the Scottish army at Flodden Field. Many other members of the family were favored by the royalty of early England. Froude, in his "History of England," mentions one John Fowler, who was a member of the household of King Edward VI., and whose influence was such that he was employed by Lord Seymour to secure the royal assent to his contemplated marriage with the princess, afterward Queen Elizabeth, and subsequently the royal approval of his already secretly accomplished marriage with Catharine Parr, the widow of Henry VIII.

Mr. Green Clark Fowler represents the eighth generation of his family in this country. The immigrant progenitor was Philip Fowler, said to have been born in Marlborough, England, about 1590, who came to America in 1634, settling in the town of Ipswich, Essex County, Mass., where he received a grant of land that is still owned by his descendants. He died June 24, 1679; and his wife, Mary Fowler, passed away November 5, 1694. From him the line is traced through Joseph and two Philips to Philip, the fourth of the name, who was the first to settle in Rockingham County, New Hampshire. This Philip Fowler was born in Ipswich, June 21, 1719, and was married to Sarah Shatwell in November, 1760. His son, Philip, fifth, the grandfather of Green Clark Fowler, was born in New Market, N.H., May 25, 1764. He was a hard-working farmer, and hardly lived long enough to reap the reward of his toil. When a young man he was saved from death by drowning: but the shock and the strain to his system weakened him permanently, eventually causing his death, which occurred November 6, 1807. Philip Fowler was married February 25, 1790, to Hannah Cutts, of Buxton, Me., who died November 9, 1859.

John Cutts Fowler, son of Philip and Hannah (Cutts) Fowler, was born in New Market, Rockingham County, N.H., October 3, 1794. He, too, was an industrious farmer, and was very successful in his chosen vocation. In politics he was first a Democrat, then an anti-slavery man, and last a Republican, and in religion an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died May 3, 1869. Mr. John



GREEN C. FOWLER.

C. Fowler was twice married. His first wife, Mary W. Nutter, of Rochester, N.H., to whom he was united April 4, 1822, was born October 29, 1798, and died September 21, 1852. She was the mother of his children — Green Clark, the subject of this sketch; John Fletcher, who was born March 2, 1826, and is a farmer, residing on the homestead in Newfields; and Mary Angelina, who was born February 16, 1828, and is now the wife of Mark W. Chase, of Berwick, Me. Mr. John C. Fowler's second wife, who was Susan K. Wiggan, of South New Market, N.H., died December 30, 1864. John Cutts Fowler and Daniel Boynton drew Lot No. 3, Letter A, in Buxton, Me. (formerly Narraganset, No. 1), in the right of Philip Fowler, originally the right of Richard Jacobs, for service in King Philip's War, 1675, the right having descended to Mr. John C. Fowler from his father.

Green Clark Fowler acquired his early education in the schools of Newfields. In 1849 he entered the employ of the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad, first as a track layer, and gradually worked his way up, acting as foreman of the section for a while, and later as assistant road master. He resigned his position on account of physical disability in 1873, and has since lived in comfortable leisure at his home in Newfields. While working for a living he was industrious and energetic; and even now, though one of the oldest citizens of Newfields, he is brisk and active. He takes a deep interest in biographical matters, and has spent much time in research into the history of his own family.

Mr. Fowler was married September 25, 1859, to Sarah M. Hall, who was born at Lee, this State, September 25, 1825. She died August 25, 1877, leaving one son, James E., who was born June 17, 1861, in Raymond, this county. He was married December 31, 1895, to Elizabeth C. Zingraf, a native of Germany, born October 16, 1861. On November 1, 1882, a little more than five years after the death of his first wife, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage with Ellen A. Locke, who belonged to an old family of English origin. Her first ancestor in this country, John Locke, was born in London, September 16, 1627, and came to this country in 1644, settling in New Hampshire. John Locke married Elizabeth Berry in 1652. He was killed by the Indians in Rye, August 26, 1696. The second Mrs. Fowler died in May, 1893.

Mr. Fowler votes the Democratic ticket. On religious subjects he holds liberal views. He is something of an antiquary; and one of his most valued possessions is a wooden goblet, nicely turned and varnished, a relic of the old Fowler and Hilton garrison, which was attacked by Indians here, June 3, 1695, and again in 1706. (See "History of Rockingham and Strafford Counties.")

JOHN EDWARD GARDNER, member of the hardware firm of Gardner & Hilliard, the oldest mercantile house in Exeter, was born here in January, 1835, son of George and Jane (Lowell) Gardner. Thomas Gardner, the founder of the family, was one of three to settle in Brookline, Mass., where he owned a large part of the land, then in its primitive wildness. John Gardner, the grandfather of John Edward, was born in Brookline in 1771, son of Elisha Gardner. He was at one time a hardware merchant in Boston. From that town he came to Exeter, where he married Miss Deborah Dean, a daughter of Ward Clark Dean, one of the first merchants of this place. He succeeded to the business of his father-in-law, and conducted it prosperously to the close of his life of seventy-seven years, when he left an ample competence. He was a very social and genial man. His wife bore him four sons and a daughter. His son George, born in the year 1801, succeeded his father in the hardware business. He had as a partner a Mr. Kelly, who had entered his father's employ as a boy. The style of the firm was George Gardner & Co. The marriage of George Gardner and Miss Jane Lowell occurred in Portland in the year 1830. She was the daughter of Daniel Lowell, a sea captain, who died in early life. His widow married a Mr. Patten. George died in 1857, at the age of fifty-six years, in Gibraltar, whither he had gone for his health. His

widow survived him until January, 1886. Their children were: George Lowell, who died at the age of fourteen years; Cordelia Alger, who died in Cambridge, Mass., in January, 1896, sixty-three years of age, leaving one son, Wallace Gilpatrick; John Edward; Elizabeth, an artist of note, residing in Paris, distinguished as the only American who had been awarded a medal at the Salon; and Maria, the youngest child, who resides in Cambridge, Mass.

John Edward Gardner graduated from Harvard College in 1856, at the age of twenty-one years. He then read law here in Exeter for a time, and subsequently spent a few months in Chicago. In 1857, after his father's death, he returned to Exeter, and took up the business left by his father, with Mr. Kelly as partner, forming the firm of Kelly & Gardner. At Mr. Kelly's death in 1894, Mr. Hilliard, who had for twelve years been a junior member of the firm, and had been associated with it prior to that as a clerk, took a larger interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the name of Gardner & Hilliard. In 1870 the firm of Kelly & Gardner were the victims of a disastrous fire, which necessitated the building of a new store. On that occasion the present fine brick block was erected on the site of the old building. The business was first established in 1770, one hundred and twenty-five years ago; and Mr. Gardner represents the fourth generation of Gardners who have been successively connected with it.

On January 13, 1875, Mr. Gardner was joined in marriage with Miss Mariam S. Nightingale, of Boston, a daughter of James Nightingale, now deceased. Three sons have been born of the union, namely: Perley, a young man of twenty years, in the Sophomore class at Harvard College; John E., Jr., thirteen years of age; and George N., seven years old.

GEORGE W. MILLER, the present Representative in the New Hampshire legislature from Londonderry, is one of the successful men of the town. A native of York County, Maine, he was born in the town of Acton, May 1, 1850, son of Woodman and Nancy C. (Hurd) Miller. The family is of English origin. Mr. Miller's great-grandfather, John Miller, was the first settler of the town of Milton, N.H. Woodman Miller, who was born in 1809, is one of the oldest residents of Acton. His wife, Nancy, was the daughter of Samuel Hurd, of Acton, Me. She became the mother of a large family of children, of whom the survivors are: Cyrus W. and Benjamin F., who reside in Acton; Charles E., of Dorchester, Mass.; George W., of Londonderry, N.H.; and William H. H., who is residing in Maine; Annie, the wife of Asa M. Hurd, of Acton, Me.; Tamsen, the wife of James E. Billings, of Acton, Mass.; Mary, the wife of William Hubbard, of Dorchester, Mass.; Hattie E., the wife of Isaac Hussey, of Acton, Me.; and Matilda E., also of Acton, Me. The mother is no longer living.

George W. Miller passed his youth in his native town, acquiring his education in the public schools. Subsequently he spent some time helping on the home farm, and then went to Manchester, N.H., where he was employed for a few years in the cotton and woollen mills. After leaving there he had charge of a stationary engine for the Concord Railroad Company for nine years, and for two years was engaged in the dry and fancy goods business in Manchester. He finally settled upon a farm of sixty-five acres in Londonderry, on which he has been successfully engaged in general farming. He has also a thriving business as a carpenter and builder. A Republican in politics, he is a leading spirit in local affairs. He has served the town as Supervisor, was Collector for two years, a member of the Board of Selectmen for the same length of time, and was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1894 as the candidate of the Republican party.

Mr. Miller wedded Mrs. Nettie E. (Ratray) Brown, daughter of the late James W. Ratray, of Londonderry, who was a native of Dundee, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children — Arthur G. and Lillian M.

In business and political circles Mr. Miller is widely and favorably known He has affilia-

tion with the Odd Fellows, the Red Men of Manchester, and the Patrons of Husbandry in Londonderry. He is a self-made man of more than ordinary ability, and the respect he has gained in the community is amply justified.

JOHN FRANKLIN MAGRAW, of Portsmouth, Deputy Collector of Customs and one of the most popular men of the town, was born here, July 26, 1855, son of John W. and Jane A. (White) Magraw. His grandfather, Pierce Magraw, was a native of Newfoundland. He married Sophia Conrad, of Nova Scotia; and they reared a family, and lived in comfortable circumstances.

John W. Magraw, son of Pierce, was born in Port Medway, N.S. In his early manhood he located in New Castle, N.H., and was a master of fishing-vessels. Subsequently he came to Portsmouth, and served efficiently for many years as messenger of the navy yard. His wife, who was a daughter of Nathaniel White, of New Castle, which is in Rockingham County, was a descendant in the sixth generation, through her mother, of Renald Fernald, one of the first settlers of Portsmouth. Her father, Nathaniel White, was engaged in the fishing industry all his lifetime, and was Collector of Taxes at New Castle for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Magraw were the parents of eight children, of whom five are living; namely, Emma J. W., John Franklin, James M., Annie F., and Gertrude M. Emma J. W. Magraw is a teacher of ability, being at present engaged at the high school of this city. She also fills the office of Trustee of the Portsmouth Public Library.

John Franklin Magraw was educated in the Portsmouth public schools. Having completed his course of study, he entered the office of the Portsmouth *Journal*, then conducted by Charles W. Brewster & Son, and learned the printer's trade. In time he became foreman of the office. His connection with the *Journal* lasted six years, after which period he worked in several offices, both in Portsmouth and Boston. He then was the superintendent of the *Times* office for some years.

An earnest Democrat, Mr. Magraw has always taken an active part in political contests. He was a most worthy Representative of Portsmouth in the State legislature of 1885 and 1886. He served on the Board of Aldermen from 1885 to 1887, and was County Commissioner from 1887 to 1893. The erection of the present court-house and jail was largely the result of his efforts while serving in the latter capacity. In 1893 he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs, an office which he has since most acceptably filled.

Mr. Magraw attends St. John's Episcopal Church of Portsmouth. His connection with fraternal organizations includes membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of which he is Worshipful Master; Sagamore Lodge, No. 258, Knights of Honor, of which he is Past Dictator; in Portsmouth Lodge of B. P. O. Elks; in Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men; and in Nokomis Council, No. 7, Daughters of Pocahontas. Mr. Magraw was commissioned a Justice of the Peace in 1889 and a Notary Public in 1894 by the Governor of New Hampshire.

CHARLES S. GREELEY, a successful farmer in Londonderry, N.H., and for several years past a leader in local politics, was born in Derry, N.H., November 27, 1852, son of George W. and Alice P. (Alley) Greeley.

George W. Greeley was born in Amherst, Hillsborough County, N.H. He was a son of Dustin and Sarah (Woodburn) Greeley and an own cousin of Horace Greeley, who was a son of his father's brother Zaccheus. The connection between the two families was yet closer from the fact that Mary Woodburn, the wife of Zaccheus Greeley, and Sarah, the wife of Dustin, were half-sisters, both being daughters of David Woodburn, who was twice married. The Woodburn family is of Scotch-Irish descent. The immigrant ancestor, John Woodburn, father of David, was an early settler of Londonderry. Left fatherless when but six years old, George W. Greeley shortly after became a member of the family of John

Dickey, of Londonderry, with whom he remained during the rest of his minority, receiving a practical common-school education. He resided for many years in the towns of Londonderry and Derry, dying in August, 1888.

In political affiliation he was a Republican. In religion he was a Methodist and a church communicant, as is his wife, formerly Alice Phillips Alley, who survives him. She was born in Lynn, Essex County, Mass., January 10, 1824, and came to Londonderry with her parents, Moses and Hannah (Smethers) Alley, in 1836. The Alleys of Lynn are an old Essex County family, descendants, most of them if not all, of Hugh Alley, who came over in the "Abigail" in 1635. Moses Alley was born in Lynn in 1801, and died March 17, 1879. His first wife, Hannah, died February 23, 1841, aged forty-three years; and his second wife, Jane D. Boyes, of Londonderry, died September 12, 1875, aged seventy years. Moses Alley was a son of Moses Breed Alley, who was born January 1, 1770, and died in Lynn, August 7, 1801, and his wife, Alice Phillips, born November 27, 1773, who died October 23, 1801. The parents of Moses Breed Alley were James and Lois (Breed) Alley, the former of whom died in 1823, aged seventy-nine, the latter in 1810. To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Greeley were born five children, as follows: H. Jennie, now wife of the Rev. John H. Hillman, of Greenwich, N.Y.; S. Arvilla (deceased); Charles Sylvester, the special subject of this sketch; Herbert A., now residing in Boston, Mass.; and Franklin P. (deceased).

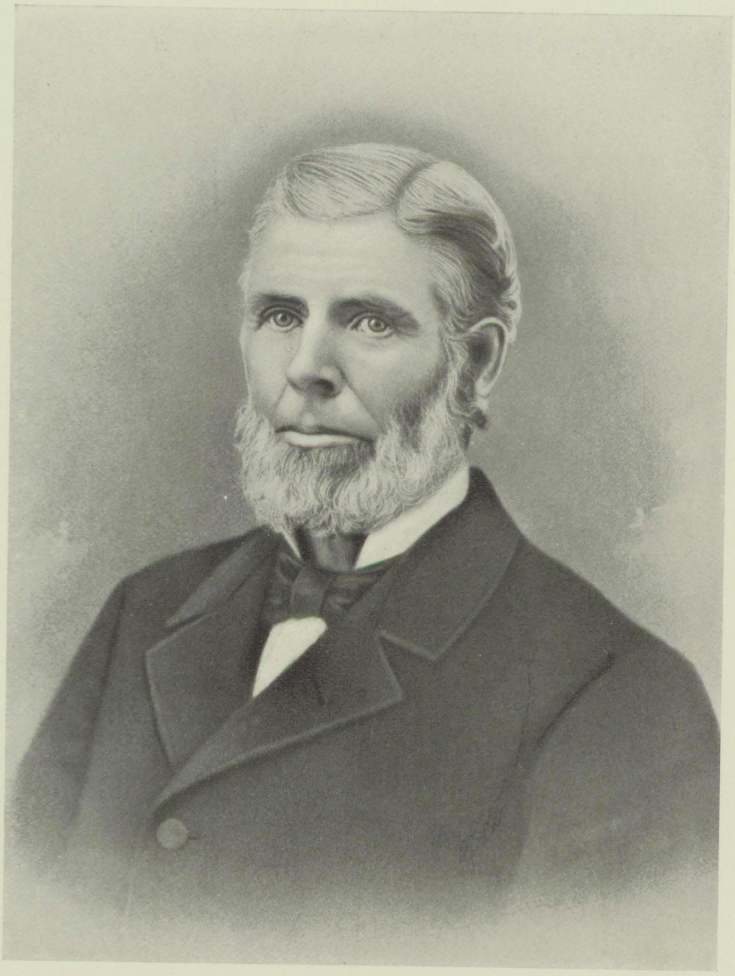
Charles S. Greeley lived in Derry until about seven years of age, when with his parents he went to Acworth, N.H., where they lived some twelve years, the family subsequently, after a short residence in Goffstown, removing to Londonderry. Besides attending the common schools he was a student for a time at Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N.H. Mr. Greeley has engaged in farming all his active life, and, being a good manager and financier, has been very successful in his undertakings. In 1880 he purchased and moved on to his present place, a farm containing about eighty acres of valuable land, which he bought of John Dickey. This homestead is very pleasantly located on the south slope of Bartley Hill. The commodious dwelling was built by Mr. Dickey's father, John Dickey, Sr., in 1804. It is shaded by four noble elms, three of them over one hundred years old. Fruit and milk are the special products of the Dickey-Greeley farm. A dairy of fourteen cows yields annually about forty-five hundred cans of milk, which is marketed in Boston. There is an orchard of one hundred and fifty apple-trees, some pear-trees, and one hundred and fifty peach-trees; and grapes, raspberries, and strawberries are also cultivated to some extent.

On December 24, 1879, Mr. Greeley was united in marriage with Miss Hattie A. Allen, who was born January 8, 1859, daughter of John Alexander and Charlotte Dorothy (Richardson) Allen, of Jaffrey, N.H. Mr. Allen was born in November, 1812, son of Captain John Allen, a ship-master of Marblehead. His wife, who died when the daughter, now Mrs. Greeley, was only seven years old, was from Reading, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Greeley have four children, namely: Howard F., born July 19, 1881; Arvilla M., born October 2, 1883; Katherine, born August 10, 1888; and Edith Allen, born October 30, 1892.

Mr. Greeley's mother, now in her seventy-third year, genial and social, though afflicted with partial deafness, is a cherished member of the family, "Grandma's room," with its pieces of antique furniture and old china, being one of the pleasantest in the house. Among other interesting heirlooms Mrs. Greeley possesses a hall clock, still keeping exact time, and showing the changes of the moon. It formerly belonged to Moses Breed Alley, of Lynn, the children's great-great-grandfather, and was made, says the label inside, "by Simon Willard, at his clock dial in Roxbury Street" (Roxbury, Mass., where the Willards were celebrated clock-makers for over a century).

Mr. Greeley is a stanch Republican and an ardent advocate of the principles of his party. He is deeply interested in the welfare and advancement of his town, and has served three years on the Board of Selectmen, during one



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of which he was Chairman. He is a member of the Londonderry Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has been Master one year.

LUTHER W. TWOMBLY, a leading citizen of Northwood, who is extensively engaged in general farming and lumbering, was born November 16, 1852, in Alton, this State, son of Benjamin and Mary J. (Ayre) Twombly. He belongs to one of the old families of Alton. His grandfather, Moses Twombly, who was a native of Farmington, N.H., was one of the pioneer settlers in Alton. Moses purchased there one hundred acres of timber land, which he cleared and converted into a good farm. He lived to be eighty-one years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Dore, attained the age of eighty-five. She and her husband reared ten children.

Benjamin Twombly remained on the home farm until of age. Then, spurred by the restless ambition of youth, he went to Boston, and in that city became associated with Mr. Chester Blodgett in a copartnership for grading railroads under contract. After the firm had conducted a successful business for a number of years, Mr. Twombly withdrew and returned to the homestead, where he followed agriculture for the rest of his life. He died at the age of sixty-two. His wife, who was a daughter of Jonathan Ayre, of Lowell, Mass., lived to be seventy-two years of age. He voted the Democratic ticket. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They reared three children, namely: C. Emily, now Mrs. Varney; Chester A., who resides on the homestead in Alton; and Luther W., the subject of this article.

Luther W. Twombly, having received his early education at Alton, finished his schooling at Dover (N.H.) Academy. He went to Boston when he was eighteen years of age, and remained two years. Then, returning to the homestead, he engaged in farming and lumbering with his brother, Chester A. These pursuits occupied his attention for eleven years, after which he left home again, and spent two years and a half on a cattle ranch in Montana. In 1886 he returned to Alton, and, with his brother, purchased a timber lot in Northwood. Two years later he became a resident of Northwood, where he has since been prosperously engaged in farming and lumbering. An active and bright business man, Mr. Twombly is very progressive in his methods.

In 1890 he was united in marriage with Alice B., daughter of George Sherburne, of Northwood. He is a strong Democrat, and takes an active interest in politics. Standing high in the esteem of his party, he has been nominated for Representative, County Commissioner, and Selectman, but was not elected, as the town is Republican by a decisive majority. It is very hard for a Democrat to carry a nomination. Mr. Twombly is a member of Winnipiseogee Lodge, No. 75, A. F. & A. M., and one of the influential men of Northwood Grange, No. 209.

DEACON SAMUEL CAMPBELL is a representative citizen of Rockingham County, New Hampshire, residing now in the town of Derry. He was born in Windham, September 1, 1819, son of Robert Moor and Anna (Carr) Campbell, and on both paternal and maternal sides comes of the vigorous stock known as Scotch-Irish. The Campbells of Windham, which town was until 1742 a part of old Londonderry, N.H., are said to have sprung from the ancient and illustrious Scottish family, the Campbells of Argyle. Tradition supplies a somewhat shadowy remote ancestor, Daniel Campbell, a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, born in 1660, who removed to Ireland, and was an officer in King William's army at the battle of Boyne, July 1, 1690.

His son, Henry Campbell, the immigrant progenitor from whom Deacon Samuel Campbell is the fifth in lineal descent, was born in 1697, in Londonderry, Ireland. He crossed the Atlantic in 1733, and in the same year bought land, and shortly established a home in Windham. The genealogy of the family is given in Mr. Leonard A. Morrison's valuable History of Windham, to which we are indebted for not a few of the names and inter-

esting facts that follow in this connection. Henry Campbell and his wife, Martha Black, whom he married in Ireland, had eight children. He died in 1782, she in 1778.

Their third child, Samuel, first, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1722. He was one of the first school teachers in Windham, was Town Clerk 1761–74, a Selectman several years, and an Elder in the church. A stanch patriot, he served in the war of the Revolution. He married Mary Robinson, and was the father of twelve children — Sarah, Hannah, Martha, Mary, Henry, James, Elizabeth, Isabel, Samuel, John, Abner, and Isaac. Sarah Campbell, the eldest child, born in 1745, married first Robert Moor, and after his death married John McConihe. Hannah married a Mr. Henry, and lived in Vermont. Martha married John Henry, and lived in New Boston, N.H. James married Rachel Gregg, and settled in Bedford. Abner married first Sarah Gregg; second, Elizabeth Betton; and, third, Annis Aiken. Isaac married and settled in Acworth, N.H.

John Campbell, fourth son of Samuel and Mary (Robinson) Campbell and grandfather of Deacon Samuel, of Derry, was born in Windham in 1762. Like his father, he was an active and influential citizen, serving as Town Clerk, Selectman, and Representative. By his first wife, Sarah Burns, he had eight children. The six who grew to maturity and married were: Robert Moor, Sally, Jane, Sophia, Patty, and Eliza.

Robert Moor Campbell, son of John, born in 1789, worthily bore the family name. He held office as Selectman and as Tax Collector. He was four times married. His first wife was Anna Carr, who died in 1837; his second, Susan Burbank, who died in 1843; his third, Elizabeth C. Osgood, who died in 1854; his fourth, who survived him, Mrs. Mary Clark Davidson. He had five children, all by his first wife, as follows: Sarah Ann, who married first David W. Dickey, and second George W. Dickey, of whom a sketch appears on another page of this volume; John (deceased); Samuel; Arminda (deceased), who married Aaron C. Osgood; and Clarissa (now deceased), who married Charles E. Cogswell, of Haverhill, Mass. Robert Moor Campbell was a Whig prior to the formation of the Republican party, with which he afterward affiliated, and, like a true Scotsman, a Presbyterian. He died April 24, 1865, leaving behind him the heritage of an honored memory.

Samuel Campbell, second son of Robert M. Campbell, was reared in Windham, where he attended the common schools in his boyhood, becoming a student of the Francestown Academy for a short time at a later period. Though lacking the advantages of a college education, he is a man of good mental powers and of wide information upon general subjects. He has followed farming as a vocation since his youth, and has always taken a lively interest in affairs of local and national importance. While a resident of Windham he served for seven years as Selectman, was for two years a Representative to the State legislature, and for a time was both Auditor and Treasurer. When in 1889 he removed from Windham to Derry, the residents of the former town had as much to regret his departure as those of the latter had to rejoice in his coming; for Deacon Samuel Campbell had proved that he was a citizen of broad views and lofty aims, and always using his influence to promote the welfare and improvement of the community in which he lived.

On September 19, 1844, Samuel Campbell was married to Miss Lydia E. Crowell, of Windham, a daughter of Jesse and Hannah (Campbell) Crowell, both natives of Windham. Four children came to bless this union, namely: Cassius S., born November 19, 1845; Francena E., born in 1848, who died September 19, 1859; Alphonso F., born November 30, 1850, who married Eliza M. Johnson; and Harlan E., born October 31, 1860, who lives at home with his father. Cassius S. Campbell fitted for college at Pinkerton Academy, was graduated at Dartmouth in 1868, and has since been engaged in educational work. He had charge of the public schools in Hastings, Minn., for ten years, was principal of the high school in St. Paul, Minn., five years, then principal of the academy at Mount Vernon, N.H., four years; and he has now for eight years held a professorship in Pinkerton Academy at Derry.

He married in 1869 Lydia L. Ashley. Their children are: George A., born November 27, 1870; Arthur F., born October 4, 1872; Francena L., October 23, 1874; and Percy A., born August 19, 1877.

The second son, Alphonso F., a farmer and carpenter, occupies the old Campbell homestead in Windham, which he bought of his father. The farm was deeded to his great-great-grandfather, Elder Samuel Campbell, in 1758. Alphonso F. Campbell married Ellen M. Johnson, and they have three children — Samuel F., born May 21, 1882, in Marlboro, Mass.; Willis C., born July 14; 1883, in Windham; and Emma L., born December 6, 1888.

In December, 1889, Deacon Samuel Campbell suffered a great and irreparable loss in the death of his wife, who had been the faithful and congenial companion of many years. She was a conscientious member of the Presbyterian church in Windham, where Mr. Campbell held the office that gave him the title which he still holds. Following the family bent in politics as well as religious predilection, Deacon Campbell, whose portrait accompanies this biographical sketch, is a Republican of the stanchest type. In the various relations of life he fulfils his part befitting the representative of a race noted in their own country for centuries for their loyalty and indomitable strength, and in America, the land of their adoption, for the most admirable traits developed by the pioneer settlers.

CHARLES S. WHIDDEN, a successful agriculturist of Rye, was born in Portsmouth, this county, April 27, 1852, son of Samuel H. and Data D. (Brown) Whidden. Mr. Whidden represents one of the oldest established families of the county. He is directly descended from Ichabod Whidden, who took up a tract of land in the vicinity of Portsmouth during the reign of King Charles II. This land, which is still in the possession of the Whidden family, lies partly in Portsmouth and partly in the adjoining town of Greenland. From Ichabod Whidden the descent was continued by four Samuels and Samuel H. to Charles S. Whidden. Each ancestor was a farmer by occupation; and generation after generation occupied the homestead, each one making improvements on the property. One of the Samuels enlisted in the King's troops, and was garrisoned at Cape Town, remaining in the service thirty years. He then returned to the old Whidden homestead, on which he passed his remaining days.

Samuel Whidden (fourth), the grandfather of Charles S., married Sally Haines, who was descended from one of the pioneers of the town of Greenland. He succeeded to the homestead, and followed the occupation of farmer throughout his active years. Samuel H. Whidden, a son of Samuel, spent his entire life on the homestead farm, also occupied in farming until his death at the age of sixty-nine years. Of his marriage with Data D. Brown, a daughter of Jonathan Brown, of Rye, N.H., two sons and two daughters were born. These were: Charles S. and Horace D., twins; Antoinette A., now Mrs. Horace W. Garland, of Rye, N.Y.; and Anna A., now Mrs. Irvin W. Garland, of Rye, N.H. Horace D., now deceased, married Mary Hare, and at his demise left two sons — Samuel S. and Charles H., who are the present owners of the original homestead property. Mrs. Data D. Whidden died at the age of fifty-six years.

Charles S. Whidden was reared and educated in Portsmouth, and lived there until 1884, when he removed to Rye. He has always been closely associated with the agricultural interests of Rockingham County, and is now one of the leading farmers of his adopted town. In politics Mr. Whidden has uniformly supported the Republican ticket. In 1876 he cast his first Presidential vote in favor of Rutherford B. Hayes. He is actively interested in town and county affairs, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1894 and 1895.

Mr. Whidden married Alice J. Jenness in 1876. Mrs. Whidden was born in Rye, daughter of Samuel W. and Eliza Colcord Jenness, and is lineally descended from Francis Jenness, one of the original settlers of Rye. Francis Jenness, who was of English birth, and came to this country in the early Colonial times, accompanied by one brother, settled near

the New Hampshire shore; while his brother pushed into the interior, and was never heard from afterward. Francis continued his residence in this county, becoming the founder of the present well-known family bearing his name. Mr. and Mrs. Whidden have two daughters, namely: Mary W., a teacher of music; and Edith E., now attending school. Both parents occupy the old Jenness homestead, in which five generations have been reared.

JOHN H. PARKER, now deceased, formerly the proprietor and manager of Seabrook, was born May 10, 1837, in the well-known Washington House at Sanford, York County, Me., son of Clement and Maria (Hubbard) Parker. His father in early manhood was a confectioner at Sanford and Great Falls, N.H. Subsequently he was the proprietor and manager of the Merrimac House of Boston, Mass., which he conducted for some years. He married Mrs. Maria (Hubbard) Heminway, a native of Sanford; and they became the parents of five children, all of whom except John H., the subject of the sketch, are now living. The father passed his declining years at Lewiston, Me., where he died in 1876. The mother had died several years previously.

John H. Parker received his elementary education in the common schools of Westbrook, Me. He prepared himself for a college course, but had not afterward the advantage of pursuing it. In 1870 he removed to Seabrook and purchased the Washington House. He managed it thereafter for several years, accommodating the transient guests only. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Civil War in the First Regiment of Rhode Island Cavalry, but was at first detailed as a recruiting officer at Great Falls, N.H. Later he served in the Second Regiment of New Hampshire Cavalry, and participated in the engagement at Kelly's Ford. Here he sustained serious internal injuries caused by his horse falling upon him, from the effects of which he never fully recovered.

On April 5, 1860, Mr. Parker wedded Miss Lydia Hall, a daughter of Gilman and Eliza (Tuttle) Hall, who were residents of Barrington, N.H. They had one child, whose death some time ago was to them a sore affliction. In national politics Mr. Parker was a Republican. He had affiliation with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of St. John's Lodge located at Newburyport, Mass. His recollections of the Civil War were kept fresh by association with the Grand Army Post at Lewiston, Me., of which at one time he was Vice-Commander. Mr. Parker departed this life at Seabrook, July 23, 1875. Since his decease his wife, Mrs. Parker, has conducted the hotel now known as the Parker House.

JOHN JAMES BELL, formerly of Exeter, who died in Manchester, N.H., August 22, 1893, is justly ranked among the noteworthy men of New Hampshire. "Had he lived," wrote one who knew him well, "it is probable that his State, which every year grew more appreciative of him, would have called him to its chief magistracy." "His biography in brief," said his pastor, is "an honorable man and counsellor." His life was a shining example of virtue and of zeal for every good cause.

He was born at Chester, N.H., October 30, 1827, son of the Hon. Samuel Dana and Mary (Healey) Bell. His American ancestry began with John Bell, who came from Londonderry in the north of Ireland, cast in his lot with the early settlers of Londonderry, N.H., and subsequently held the responsible offices of Selectman, Surveyor, and Moderator of the town. John Bell's son, also named John, was Selectman, Town Clerk, a member of the Committee of Public Safety, a delegate to the convention that adopted the first constitution of government, Colonel of militia, Senator, Justice of the Peace, and Elder of the First Parish. His son, Samuel, having graduated from Dartmouth College in 1793, became a member and Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, State Senator, President of the State Senate, Justice of the Supreme Court, Governor of the State, United States Senator for twelve years, besides Trustee of Dartmouth College. Samuel's eldest child, Samuel Dana, who was a graduate of Harvard

College, read law with the eminent jurist, the Hon. George Sullivan. In 1820 he removed to Chester, after which he represented that town in the State legislature, was Clerk of the House, Solicitor for Rockingham County, Colonel of First Regiment of the New Hampshire militia, Commissioner for the revisal of the laws, Judge successively of the Police, Common Pleas, and Superior Courts, and finally Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

John James Bell received his education in the public schools and academies of Manchester, Concord, and Exeter. After studying law in Manchester, he graduated from the Harvard Law School, and was admitted to the bar of Hillsborough County in 1848. He spent the first two years of his professional career in Milford and Nashua, N.H., after which he removed to Carmel, Me. During the fourteen years he practised law here, he attained a high reputation for legal acumen. At the end of that time, feeling the general depression of business and judging that the condition of things would become worse, he returned to this State. Establishing himself in Exeter, he resumed his law business, and continued it until he had acquired a competence. Then he retired from the bar, and gave his chief attention to literary pursuits and historical research. In 1874–75 he made a tour of Europe and Palestine. Shortly after his return from abroad he was appointed Judge of the Exeter Police Court, a position that he held with distinction for many years. By the death of his brother, the Hon. Samuel N. Bell, in 1889, he came into possession of a large property, which thenceforth placed him beyond the necessity of following his profession in any form. It obliged him, however, to engage actively in other occupations. He was soon after elected a Director of the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad, and both Director and President of the Pemigewasset Valley, Suncook Valley, and Suncook Extension Valley Railroads. He was afterward President of a company formed to build a railroad from Exeter to Epping, N.H., was largely interested in the Manufacturing Company of Exeter, was the first President of the Exeter Board of Trade, was subsequently President of the State Board of Trade, and was Director in the New Hampshire Life Insurance Company. But while giving due attention to his multifarious interests, he did not neglect the duties of good citizenship. He was a member of the State legislatures of 1883, 1885, 1887, 1889, and 1891, where, as one of the leaders of the house, few men of late years have had such beneficial influence on legislation. It was said of him that "his thorough knowledge of the history of legislation and his familiarity with parliamentary law and practice enabled him to engage effectively in debate — often without a moment's preparation — making him an influential and valuable member; while his high character and unquestionable integrity gave him a pre-eminence attained by few of his contemporaries." He also did good service for the State by his efforts in behalf of the insane poor, as a member of the State Library Committee, and as one of the commissioners designated to establish the boundary line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Very useful work was likewise accomplished by him as Secretary, Vice-President, and President of the New Hampshire Historical Society and as a member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society. He was regarded as an authority upon historical subjects, and was the writer of several instructive papers, among which may be mentioned his notable address at Hampton's Quarter-millennial, and that upon "The Rockingham County Bar in the Days of Webster and Mason."

A sincere and practical temperance man, Mr. Bell served as first officer in the State temperance organization, and filled prominent positions both in the Sons of Temperance and in the Independent Order of Good Templars. He was connected with the Masonic Order for nearly forty-four years. He took the first three degrees in Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, at Nashua, respectively in October, November, and December, 1849, afterward advancing to some of the highest functions known to the fraternity. He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Grand Principal Conductor of Work in the Grand Council, and Grand Senior Warden in the Grand Commandery. In the Grand Lodge of New

Hampshire he was Grand Master; in the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest; in the Grand Commandery, Grand Commander; and in the Grand Council of High Priests, he was President at the time of his demise. He was a member and a most liberal supporter of the Second Congregational Church in Exeter. He also took an active interest in church work, serving as Sunday-school teacher, clerk, Deacon, and parish moderator, acting as delegate to the National Council of Congregationalists held in 1892 and as one of the corporate members of the American Board.

In 1881, April 13, Mr. Bell married Miss Cora L. Kent, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Hervey Kent, of Exeter. The happy union was made still happier by the advent of two sons: Samuel Kent Bell, born March 4, 1888; and John Kent Bell, born February 4, 1891. When Mr. Bell died, his bereaved family had the sincere sympathy of Exeter's people, who mourned with them, having cause enough in that a useful man, a good man, a model for their youth, had been withdrawn forever. His obsequies were attended by a concourse of life-long friends; and his remains were interred August 25, 1893, at Exeter.

EMERY BATCHELDER, who comes of an old and respected Hampton family, was born in Hampton Falls, N.H., September 18, 1812, son of Reuben and Betsey (Tilton) Batchelder. The first of the family born in the town of Hampton was Nathaniel Batchelder, who was the eldest son of an English settler. David Batchelder, grandfather of Emery, was a well-to-do farmer of Hampton Falls. His second wife, Mary (Emery) Batchelder, was Emery's grandmother. David Batchelder reared four sons and nine daughters, all of whom, except four of the daughters, had large families.

Reuben Batchelder, the eldest of David's children by his second wife, was born on the old Batchelder place in Hampton Falls, May 11, 1777. He acquired his first knowledge of books in the district school, and spent his manhood in the pursuit of agriculture. When he was twenty-eight years old, he purchased a farm, where he made his home for the remainder of his life, and died at the age of ninety years and ten months. Mr. Batchelder was prominent in town affairs, and served for some time as Selectman. His wife, who was the daughter of Micah Tilton, of Hampton, died in 1837. They had seven children, of whom Emery and his brother John are the only survivors. The others died: David at the age of eighty-three years, Lucy and Rhoda at eighty, Dolly at forty-nine, and Nathaniel in infancy.

Emery Batchelder was educated in the district schools and at Rockingham Academy. He, too, has been engaged in farming since early youth. His farm of fifty acres, formerly known as the Cram place, came into his possession by purchase. Since then he has added a residence, which he had moved onto the estate, and has erected out-buildings. For some time he has suffered from blindness, the result of an injury caused by a fall from a tree in 1878. The loss of his sight was gradual, until he became totally blind. Mr. Batchelder was married December 18, 1838, to Dorothy A., daughter of Simon N. and Hannah (Towle) Dearborn, of Hampton. Of seven children born to them six are living. Charles E., who died at the age of thirty-four, was married to Lucy M. Tarr, and left one son, Benjamin F. Anna E. is the wife of Homer B. Crane, of Amesbury, Mass. John A. married Angie Woodward, and has five children — Mary E., Gertrude, Annie I., David, and John. Ellen P. married Irving Lamprey, of North Hampton, and has two sons — Ernest and Harold. Abbie C. is the wife of Cyrus W. Brown, of Pittsfield, and the mother of two children — Louise and Florence. David F. married Helen Brown, and has three children — Arthur D., Martha H., and Paul E. And Mary L. is the wife of John L. Brown, and the mother of two children — Leavitt B. and Frank E. Mr. Batchelder's son David has served as Selectman of Hampton Falls for two years.

Mr. Batchelder has been a supporter of the Republican party since its formation, having been previously a Whig. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1836, when no less than four candidates — William H. Harrison, Hugh L. White, Daniel Webster, and W. P. Man-

gum — called for Whig support; while the Democrats were unanimous in nominating Martin Van Buren. He represented the district in the State legislature of 1868–69, and served on the Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen for two years. A member of the Hampton Falls Congregational Church for fifty-four years, he has been an officer of the society some ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder rank among the oldest residents of Hampton Falls, and are held in the highest esteem by all their neighbors.

JOHN W. LOCKE, a successful merchant of Seabrook, was born here October 4, 1841, son of James and Hannah P. (Chesley) Locke. He belongs to the fourth generation of his family born in Seabrook. The family was founded by Timothy B. Locke, who spent the latter part of his life in Seabrook and Kensington. John Locke, the grandfather of John W., was a tanner and currier, and had an extensive business. He was fifty-eight years of age when he died. His wife's maiden name was Mary Sanborn.

James Locke, who was reared in Seabrook, his native town, at an early age developed a talent for trading. He spent some time in the South at Columbus, Ga., and Apalachicola, Fla. After his return home it is told that he occupied an old boat shop. Some time prior to 1822 he established a store on the premises now occupied by his son, where he carried on a successful business in general merchandise up to the time of his death. He took an active interest in public affairs, was a Major in the State militia, and represented Seabrook in the State legislature. His death occurred February 27, 1866, in his fifty-ninth year. His wife, who was a native of Rye, this county, was a daughter of Simon Chesley, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Locke reared three children. These were: John W., the subject of this sketch; Mary O., now the wife of Joseph L. Leavitt, of Exeter, N.H., and the mother of three living children — Major James Locke, George Thomas W., and Mary Marston; and James B., unmarried, who lives in Seabrook.

John W. Locke obtained his early education in a district school and at Seabrook Academy. He was engaged in the store with his father until the outbreak of the war, when the patriotic enthusiasm of the time carried him, too, from his home to the battle-fields of the South. Enlisting August 11, 1862, in Company D, Fourteenth New Hampshire Infantry, he was subsequently with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. In the course of the service he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant, after which he was detailed as military detective in Washington, and served in that capacity from December 1, 1863, to February 21, 1864. Receiving his discharge July 8, 1865, he returned home, and engaged in the grocery business at the depot in Seabrook. In 1867 he purchased from his brother the store established by their father. He afterward became manager of the Salem House in Salem, Mass., for a while. His present quarters were taken in 1873, and he has since been occupied in conducting a flourishing trade in general merchandise.

Mr. Locke was married in 1869 to Sarah E., daughter of William Southwick, of Salem, Mass., and is now the father of two children — Rinda C. and James Edwin. He cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has been prominent in the councils of the Republican party ever since. He was elected Representative to the General Court in 1883–85; was Postmaster of Seabrook from 1889 to August, 1894; and has been Justice of the Peace some ten years. He belongs to Hampton Lodge, No. 21, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Hunt's Encampment; to Waukewan Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, of Danvers, Mass.; Council No. 15, Senior Order of United American Mechanics; and Council No. 7, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and for a number of years was Commander of the J. A. Logan Post, No. 21, Grand Army of the Republic.

MOSES E. KIMBALL, a successful business man residing at Windham Junction, is a native of Methuen, Mass., born May 28, 1829, son of Frederick and Azubah (Eastman) Kimball, the

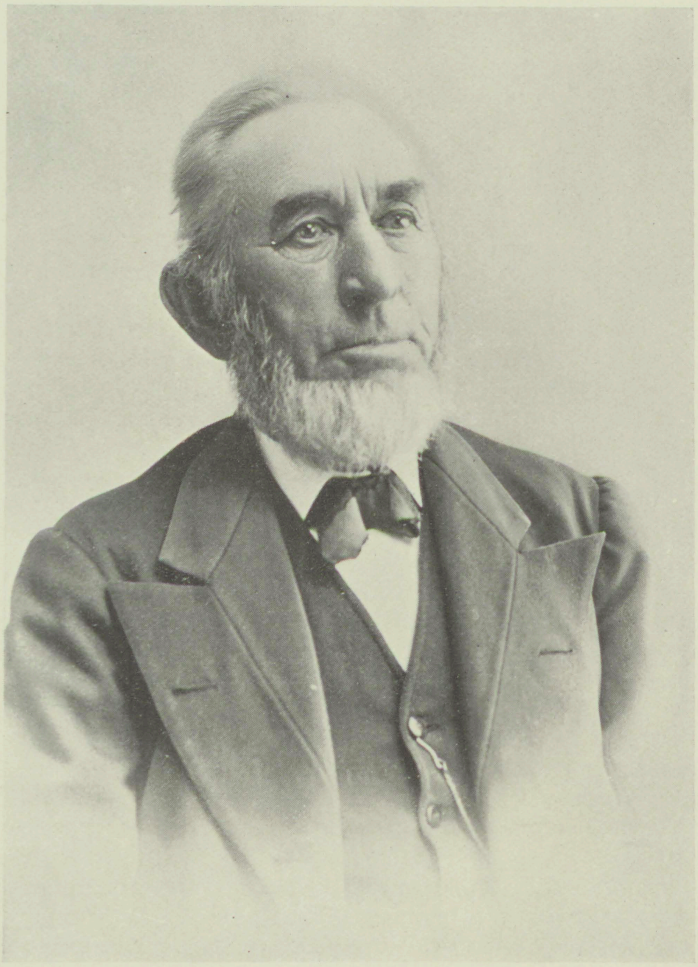
former of whom is a native of Haverhill, Grafton County, N.H. The Kimball family are said to be of English extraction. Benjamin Kimball, grandfather of Moses E., was a Revolutionary soldier. After the close of the war he lived for many years in Methuen, Mass., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. His son, Frederick Kimball, spent his boyhood on a New Hampshire farm, and subsequently settled in Methuen, Mass., where he died in August, 1862. In Methuen he was engaged in farming, and carried on quite an extensive lumber business, so that at the time of his death he had accumulated considerable property. In politics he was a Democrat. He served Methuen as Selectman, and was one of its most prominent residents. Two of the children born to him and his wife, Azubah Eastman Kimball, are living, namely: Moses E., the subject of this sketch; and Emily, the wife of H. M. Howard, of Byfield, Mass. Frederick Kimball was a communicant of the Baptist church.

Moses E. Kimball grew to manhood in Methuen, Mass., receiving his education in the public schools of that town. In 1888 he came from Methuen to Windham Junction, which has since been his home. His residence, with its surroundings, is one of the finest rural homes in Rockingham County. He owns one hundred acres of land there and about two hundred and thirty-five acres in Derry, N.H. During the past thirty years he has been engaged in lumbering more or less extensively, principally in Salem, Windham, Derry, and Londonderry, N.H., and in Methuen and Haverhill, Mass. All his life he has been a hard worker; and his industry, combined with his good management, has caused him to be recognized as a most capable man of affairs.

On April 28, 1853, Mr. Kimball was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Gross, a native of Methuen and a daughter of the late Benjamin Gross. Of their six children three are living, namely: Eugene C., residing in Lawrence, Mass.; Frank W., residing in Methuen; and Mabel L., the wife of James E. Anderson, of Exeter. Mrs. Anderson formerly sang in the Congregational church at Methuen, and has a well-established local reputation as a musician, instrumental as well as vocal. The others were: Seymour M., Lillie L., and Jennie M. Jennie M., who was the wife of Charles A. Wilman, left two children — Raymond and Maude, who live with their grandparents. In politics Mr. Kimball follows his father's lead, being, like him, a Democrat. He was Selectman and Street Commissioner of Methuen for several terms. The family are much esteemed in Windham society.

CHARLES H. TURNER, one of the leading business men of Candia and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Candia, January 13, 1847, son of William and Mary J. (Robinson) Turner. The family is of English origin. Its founder built the second house of those erected on the territory now comprising Candia. Mr. Turner's great-grandfather, William Turner, who served in the Revolutionary War, was a resident of this town when it was a part of Chester. Moses Turner, Mr. Turner's grandfather, was born in Candia, and there was prosperously engaged in farming during the active period of his life. He was a worthy and useful citizen, supported the Democratic party in politics, and reared four children. His daughter, Sarah, whose birth occurred in 1747, was the first white child born in Candia. He lived to an advanced age.

William Turner was born in Candia toward the close of the last century, and was reared to farming in this town. While still a youth he served in the War of 1812. He owned and cultivated a farm, and also kept a hotel. In the time-honored capacity of "Squire," though he was called Captain Turner, he transacted all the legal business of the community for many years. Acting with the Democratic party, he was prominent in local affairs. He served the town as Selectman and in other offices, and was Postmaster for a number of years. In his religious belief he was a Baptist. His death occurred March 31, 1851, at the age of fifty-one years. He married Mary J. Robinson, a native of Deerfield, this county; and she became the mother of ten children, of whom five are living, and three served



DANIEL WADLEIGH.

in the late war. The survivors are: George A. and T. Benton, both of whom are veterans of the Civil War, and reside in Candia; Addie M., the wife of Richard Kuper, of New York City; Sadie C., the wife of Albert C. Smith, of Somerville, Mass.; and Charles H., the subject of this sketch. The mother, who is still living, draws a pension as the widow of a veteran of the War of 1812.

Charles H. Turner began his education in the schools of Candia. He also attended school in Boston for some little time. Subsequently he enlisted as bugler in Troop M, First Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Cavalry, under Colonel Thompson and Captain Rhoades. He served through the whole period of hostilities, and was present at the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Cold Harbor, White Oak Swamp, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and other memorable engagements. The only injury he received was caused by a fall from his horse in front of Petersburg. He was discharged July 16, 1865. Returning to Candia, he was for the succeeding year engaged in shoemaking. He then became a clerk in M. A. Dexter's store, where he remained four years, was employed by E. E. Smith in the same capacity for two years, after which he worked for W. A. Barker for one year, and for another year with Mr. Smith. The next two years he spent "on the road," representing the Athol Cracker Company. He then formed a partnership with Natt J. Cate, and engaged in business at the stand formerly occupied by C. S. Lang. The enterprise has been quite successful. The partners soon gained the good will of the general community, who now patronize them liberally.

On February 15, 1876, Mr. Turner was united in marriage with Nellie M. Sanborn, of Candia. Mrs. Turner is now the mother of one daughter, Addie L., who is attending school. Mr. Turner has filled the important chairs in Leola Lodge, No. 70, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of Fraternity Commandery, No. 518, United Order of the Golden Cross, of Candia, and of the Knights of Pythias of Raymond; and for the past three years he has been Adjutant of D. B. Dudley Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a Republican, and was Town Clerk for seven years in succession. Both he and Mrs. Turner attend the Congregational church.

CAPTAIN DANIEL WADLEIGH, one of the best-known residents of Kingston and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, March 1, 1824, son of Joseph and Anna (Sleeper) Wadleigh. The family, which is of English origin, was founded in this country by John Wadleigh, who settled in Saco, Me. Daniel Wadleigh, first, Captain Wadleigh's grandfather, a descendant of John Wadleigh, was a native of Kingston. He located in the south part of the town, where he followed the trade of a blacksmith; and he died there.

Joseph Wadleigh, Captain Wadleigh's father, was born in Kingston, and in young manhood began work with his father. After being engaged in blacksmithing at South Kingston for some years, he moved to Kingston, where he settled upon the farm which is now owned by his son and he was an industrious tiller of the soil for the rest of his life. He died April 21, 1826. His wife, formerly Anna Sleeper, who was a native of Kingston, became the mother of five children, as follows: Jonathan, Daniel, Hannah, and Mary, who are no longer living; and a second Daniel, now the only survivor of the family. After the death of her husband Mrs. Wadleigh continued to carry on the farm with the aid of hired assistants until her son was able to take charge of the property. Her declining years were passed at the homestead, where she died in April, 1883, at the advanced age of eighty-three.

Daniel Wadleigh, the subject of this sketch, acquired his elementary education in the common schools, and pursued more advanced studies at Kingston Academy, which he attended two terms. When of sufficient age, he took charge of the farm in company with his brother; and at the death of the latter the entire management of the place devolved upon him. He has always lived at his present home, with the exception of a year spent in the northern

part of the town. He owns one hundred and sixty acres of good land, which has greatly increased in productiveness under his able management; and he carries on general farming, his principal crops consisting of hay, grain, and potatoes. He has also given some attention to the raising of cattle and sheep and fruit growing. Aside from agricultural pursuits he carries on lumbering operations upon quite an extensive scale, and he was for some time engaged in burning charcoal.

In politics he is a stanch Democrat, having been for many years an active and influential supporter of that party; and he has made for himself an honorable record in the public service. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for one term, and was a member of the House of Representatives for the years 1874 and 1875. He has served upon the grand jury for Rockingham County, also upon the petit jury in the United States District Court; and for some years he held a Captain's commission in the Seventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Militia.

On December 24, 1854, Captain Wadleigh married Maria E. Hoyt, who was born in Dover, N.H., daughter of Benjamin Hoyt, late of that city. By this union there was but one child, who died in infancy. His wedded life was of short duration, as his wife died October 23, 1856, less than two years after marriage.

He has been a tireless worker all of his life, striving diligently to obtain the most profitable results and to increase the value of his property; and he is greatly attached to his homestead and its surroundings. He possesses some rare books that are more than one hundred and fifty years old, and he takes great pleasure in showing these to strangers.

WILLIAM L. WHITTIER is a prominent farmer of Deerfield, where he was born in the home of his ancestors, May 23, 1860. The Whittiers of Deerfield are descended from Thomas Whittier, who was born in England in 1620, and came in 1638 to Newbury, Mass., now a part of Haverhill. From him sprung all of the Whittiers in this country, including John G. Whittier, the poet. The first in this branch of whom there is record was William Whittier, born in 1710, the great-great-grandfather of William L. Whittier. He was one of those who enlisted under Captain John Hazen to go to Crown Point in 1760, receiving, according to the records, his discharge from duty in October of the same year. The powder-horn he carried on that eventful occasion is now in the possession of William L. His gun is preserved by Captain Isaac H. Morrison. William Whittier, the Crown Point soldier, resided at East Kingston, N.H., and manufactured iron for the wholesale trade at Crowley's Falls, Brentwood, N.H. He married Abigail Morrill, and died, most probably in 1771, aged sixty-one years. He left a son, Isaac, born in 1736, who married Mary Blaisdell, and resided at East Kingston. Isaac was engaged with his father in the manufacture of iron at Crowley's Falls, and died in 1763.

William Whittier, son of Isaac, born at East Kingston, married Polly Rowell, who belonged to a Scottish family. In his early youth he went to Brentwood, where he also manufactured iron for the wholesale trade. He remained there until his forty-sixth year, when he came to Deerfield, and built the house now owned and occupied by the grandson of his name. In politics he was a Democrat. Of four children born to him the survivors are: William, the father of William L.; and Rice R., who resides with his brother. Mary, who was born December 1, 1808, died in 1863; and Betsy, born in 1811, died in 1890. The father died November 11, 1831, aged sixty-eight years. William Whittier, the third of the name in a direct line and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born December 5, 1814, in the house built by his father. A magnificent physique was one of the legacies handed down from his Scottish forefathers. In his eightieth year he was sufficiently vigorous to assist his son in loading a sled with logs, and then walk from the woods, a distance of a mile, feeling no fatigue from his exertions. He was elected to the New Hampshire legislature, serving two terms, of 1852 and 1853. He married Hannah F. Dearborn, who bore him two chil-

dren — William L. and Lizzie M. The latter is the wife of Byron Swett, of Deerfield.

William L. Whittier received his elementary education in the common schools of Deerfield. Subsequently he was a student of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, from which he graduated in 1883, at the age of twenty-three years. Returning then to the home of his childhood, he has lived there since. Besides his farming interests, Mr. Whittier has a shingle and clapboard mill in operation in Deerfield. The floor space of this mill building is twenty-seven by forty feet in dimensions. In charge of one employee, it turns one hundred and fifty thousand shingles every year. Clapboard work is done by contract. For four years he was Director of the Creamery Association of Deerfield, during one of which he was its President.

In 1893 Mr. Whittier was united in matrimony with Miss Clara E. Dearborn, of Deerfield. The principles of the Republican party find in him an earnest advocate. He held the office of superintendent of schools under the old law for one year, and was a member of the School Board for three years. As a farmer he was naturally interested in the grange movement, and was for a time Overseer of the grange of Deerfield. He is a Baptist by faith and profession.

HON. ISAAC WOODBURY, of Salem, who has efficiently served as Commissioner of Rockingham County, and has occupied a seat in the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Salem, August 11, 1822, the son of Asa and Sarah (Thom) Woodbury. The Woodbury family is of English origin, and was established in this country in the early part of the seventeenth century. The Hon. Isaac Woodbury's paternal grandfather, Israel Woodbury, was an early settler of Salem, and fought for American independence in the Revolution. Asa Woodbury, a native and lifelong resident of Salem, was a well-to-do farmer and one of the prominent men of the town. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Though an ardent Abolitionist, he was yet highly esteemed by his townsmen of differing political opinions, and was elected to the Board of Selectmen, on which he served for some time. His death occurred in 1847, in his sixty-fourth year.

The Hon. Isaac Woodbury spent the first sixteen years of his life on his father's farm in Salem, attending the common schools of his native town and the academy at South New Market, N.H. On leaving school he obtained a position as clerk in a dry-goods house in Boston, Mass. He subsequently followed that line of work until 1847, when on account of his father's death he returned home, and took charge of the farm. From that time to the present he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he has achieved marked success. At one time he made a specialty of raising Devon cattle, and sold fine-blooded stock in New Hampshire and other States. He has a valuable farm of about one hundred and fifty acres, every rood of which is used to the best advantage.

Mr. Woodbury has been twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Caroline W. Parker, of Cohasset, Mass., who died leaving six children. These were: Isaac F., now a resident of Allston, Mass., and senior member of the well-known firm of Woodbury & Leighton, contractors and builders, of Boston; Sarah E., the wife of John W. Hall, of Methuen, Mass.; Mary C., the wife of C. E. Austin, of Methuen; Charles H., living in Allston, who is a member of the firm Mitchell, Woodbury & Co., Pearl Street, Boston, importers and wholesale dealers in crockery and Japanese goods; and Albert A. and John P., both deceased. Mr. Woodbury took for his second wife Mrs. Martha C. Smith, of Putney, Vt.

Politically, Mr. Woodbury favors the Republican side. He was three years Selectman of Salem, represented the town in the State legislature for two years, and was Commissioner of Rockingham County three years. He is a man of broad intelligence, strong character, and pronounced views. For a long time he has been an ardent advocate of temperance. An active worker for religious objects, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has for many years been

Steward, Trustee, Sunday-school superintendent, and class leader of the church in Salem.

CHARLES BATCHELDER, a prominent resident of North Hampton, extensively engaged in horse and cattle dealing, was born on the homestead he now occupies, March 18, 1843. He is a son of Levi and Clarissa (Marston) Batchelder. The Batchelder family was established in this country by three brothers of English birth, one of whom settled in New Hampshire, one in Massachusetts, and one in Maine. The land owned by Charles Batchelder has been occupied by five generations of the family. His grandfather, John Batchelder, who was born here in 1774, spent his life on the homestead, occupied in farming, and died in 1809 in his thirty-sixth year. His wife, Abigail, a daughter of Dr. Jonas Prescott, of North Hampton, bore him eight children, namely: Mark, who married Sophia, daughter of Jeremiah and Betsey (Prescott) Brown; John, who married Mary, daughter of Eben Prescott, of Pittsfield, N.H.; Josiah, the only one living to-day, residing in Exeter, N.H., who married Deborah Clark, of that city; Levi, the father of the subject of this sketch; Sally, who married James Batchelder, of North Hampton; Elizabeth, who became Mr. Batchelder's second wife; Mary, who married David Elkins, of Hampton; and Abigail, who never married.

Levi Batchelder obtained his education in the district school near his home. Surrounded by the sights and sounds of farm life from infancy, he following the leading of his environment, and became a farmer. He spent his days in the home of his fathers, and died at the age of seventy years. His wife, who was a daughter of Jeremiah and Abigail Marston, and attained the age of seventy-nine, reared three children, namely: George, now residing in North Hampton, who married Georgie Sanborn, of Concord, and has twin children, Frank and Fanny; Charles, the subject of this sketch; and Clara, now the wife of Henry Ring, of Pittsfield, and the mother of one child, Grace.

Charles Batchelder, like his father, obtained his first knowledge of books in the district school near his home, while he obtained his first knowledge of the value and different characteristics of live stock on his father's farm. He has for some years been engaged as a dealer in horses and cattle. Being a shrewd business man and an infallible judge of horses and cattle, he has been very successful. Some time ago he purchased his father's estate, on which he has made many improvements, erecting new buildings and a handsome residence. Mr. Batchelder was married in 1863 to Martha, daughter of Nathan Brown, of North Hampton, and became the father of six children. These were: Clarabel A., deceased, who was the wife of Frank Brown, of North Hampton; George; Louie; Bessie; Dora; and Charles. Mr. Batchelder has been an adherent of the Republican party ever since the war. He and his wife are prominent members of the Orthodox church in North Hampton.

COMMODORE JOHN COLLINS LONG, who made his home for many years in Exeter, was born in Portsmouth, this State, September 5, 1795, son of Captain George and Martha (Hart) Long. Captain George Long was for many years actively engaged in mercantile pursuits, and accumulated considerable property. He lived to be over seventy years, and his wife also attained an advanced age. They reared several sons and daughters, of whom only the Commodore's sister, M. Elizabeth, is living. M. Elizabeth, now ninety-five years of age, is the widow of the late Henry H. Ladd. Remarkably bright and active for her time of life, she looks much younger than her years.

Commodore John C. Long entered the United States Navy when fourteen years of age. Three years after came the War of 1812, wherein he played his humble part. He had the honor to serve as midshipman under the brave Commodore Bainbridge on the famous frigate "Constitution," and was in the naval battle off San Salvador, Brazil, between the "Constitution" and the "Java." In 1849 Mr. Long was appointed Post Captain, and the

eleven years following he was in active service continuously. He circumnavigated the globe on the frigate "Saranac"; and it was he who brought the Hungarian patriot, Louis Kossuth, to this country in 1852. Shortly after this he was assigned to the "Powhatan," which made a cruise to Rio Janeiro, and subsequently joined the squadron in the Mediterranean. His last command was as flag officer of the "Merrimac," the highest a sailor could attain at that time. On the "Merrimac" he cruised in the Pacific for two years, rendering valuable service to the government and to the Sandwich Islanders. In 1860 failing health at length compelled him to resign his commission, and retire to the privacy of his home. The Commodore in his youth had pledged his lifelong support to the government; and, when the Rebellion broke out, it was a source of the deepest regret to him that he was unable to engage once more in active service. He died in Conway, N.H., September 2, 1865, aged seventy years. A man of active benevolence and deep-seated piety, he was universally esteemed.

Commodore Long was married June 1, 1829, to Mary O. Gilman, who was born in Exeter, March 9, 1810, daughter of Nathaniel and Dorothy (Folsom) Gilman. Dorothy Folsom was Mr. Gilman's second wife. The maiden name of his first wife was Miss Odlin. Mrs. Long, who was an only daughter, had six brothers — Nicholas, Samuel, Daniel, John T., Charles Edwin, and Joseph T. She is the sole survivor of her parents' family, and, though eighty-six years of age, is well preserved in mind and body. She has had no children of her own. Their residence, which the Commodore erected over forty years ago, is one of the pleasantest in Exeter.

WILLIAM G. CROWELL, an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Salem, is a native of Methuen, Mass., born December 21, 1816, son of John and Anna (Greenleaf) Crowell. On both sides he is a descendant of a Revolutionary patriot. John Crowell, who was born in Haverhill, Mass., son of Jonathan and grandson of Samuel, a Revolutionary soldier, spent the greater part of his life in his native town. He died in 1865. Grandfather Greenleaf participated in the battle of Bunker Hill.

William G. Crowell, when a boy, removed with his parents to Haverhill, Mass., where he acquired a common-school education, which was supplemented by a brief course at Bradford Academy under Professor Greenleaf. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the trade of a tanner and currier with Thomas Harding, by whom he was employed about four years. He subsequently followed the trade for a short time, until failing health compelled him to retire. In 1840 he came to Salem, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, running a saw-mill; and for many years past he has also given considerable time to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Crowell married May 6, 1846, Miss Melinda I. Armstrong, who was born in Salem, Rockingham County, September 12, 1823, daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Corliss) Armstrong, her father being a native of Windham, N.H., and her mother of Haverhill, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Crowell have had three children — John C., residing in Malden, Mass.; Anna (deceased); and Margaret A., wife of Kimball M. McLaughlin, of Salem. On May 6, 1896, this estimable couple, who are enjoying the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well-doing, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

As a servant of the town, Mr. Crowell has an honorable record. For a number of years he was one of the Board of Selectmen, being Chairman a portion of the time. For several years he was Treasurer, for ten years Tax Collector, and for two years a Representative to the State legislature. He was Justice of the Peace nearly thirty years. He was also instrumental in establishing the public library in Salem, which institution has proved a success by filling a wide sphere of usefulness. He is a charter member of the Salem Grange.

JOHN T. HILLIARD, of Kingston, farmer and dairyman, well known in Kingston and the city of Exeter, was born in Kensington, this county, March 9, 1833. He is a son of Charles and Abbie (Tilton) Hilliard, both natives of Kensington,

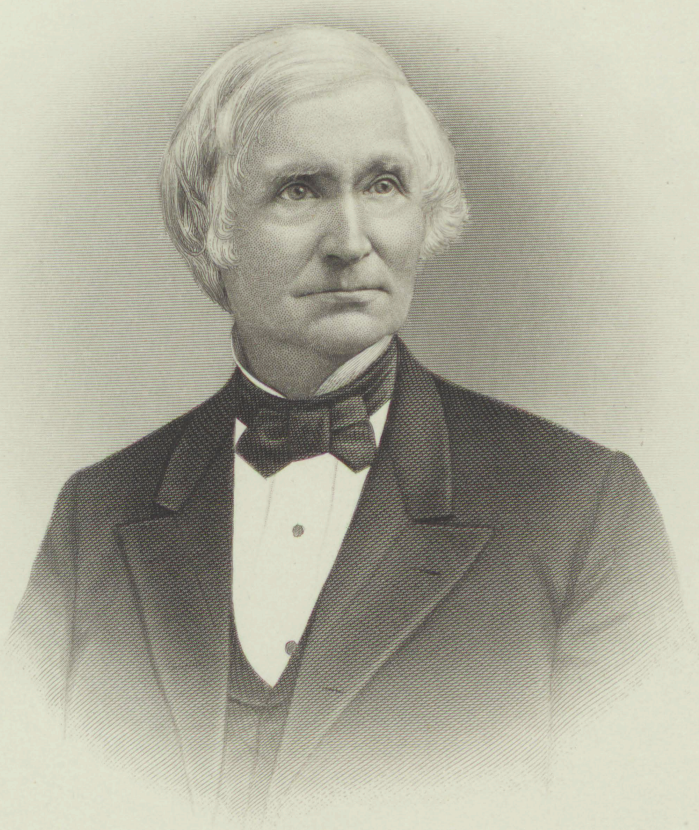
and a grandson of Theophilus Hilliard, who was both a native and a lifelong resident of the place. Charles Hilliard made his living by boot-making and farming, following both occupations, as the occasion served, up to near the close of his life, which occurred in October, 1880. His wife died in September, 1895. They were the parents of six children, namely: Charles Augustus, who married Ellen Perkins, and lives in Lynn, Mass.; Caroline, now deceased, who was the wife of Jeremiah Blake, of Kensington, also deceased; John T., the subject of this sketch; Jeremiah, who married a Miss Pike, and is living on the homestead in Kensington; Abbie, who lived but five years; and Ellen, the wife of David Brown, of Kensington.

John T. Hilliard obtained his education in the district schools near his home and at the high schools of the county. He remained on the home farm, engaged in farming and boot-making, until about 1856. The following two years were spent by him in Bath, Me., employed in the retail boot and shoe trade. Returning then to Rockingham County, he operated shoe machines for Lynn (Mass.) manufacturers in Hampton, N.H., for three years, and subsequently in Kensington until September 2, 1862. On this date he enlisted for service in the Civil War in the Eleventh New Hampshire Infantry, under the command of Colonel Harriman and Captain William R. Patten. He was subsequently in the battle of Fredericksburg, the horrors of which are still vividly remembered by him. In the next spring he went to Vicksburg, and was there on July 4 when Grant obtained the famous "unconditional surrender." After that he went down the Mississippi to Jackson, Miss., where his regiment was engaged in a skirmish. From Jackson, a long and wearisome march, brought him to Knoxville, Tenn., in the siege of which he took part. After the siege he was detailed as mail agent, his first assignment taking him to the army of the Potomac. His duties as mill agent occupied him during the rest of the war, and he took no further part in the active hostilities. Receiving his discharge in June, 1865, at Concord, N.H., he returned to Kensington, where he made his home for three years, working in the mean time at shoe-making and farming. In April, 1868, he located in Kingston, at his present home. This place, which was known as the old Piper farm, is in the north-east part of the town, and comprises sixty acres of tillage and pasture land. Mr. Hilliard has made many improvements on the estate. With this he owns another farm of thirty acres in East Kingston. He is extensively engaged in general farming, and has a large dairy business, keeping about twenty head of cattle and running a milk wagon daily to Exeter, this county.

On December 8, 1853, Mr. Hilliard was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie S. Hobbs, of Camp Hampton, N.H., daughter of Daniel Hobbs, of Hampton, this county. They have six children, namely: George W., who married Miss Grace D. Rollins, and lives in Exeter; Charles D., who died at the age of four years; William L., who is with his father; Emma A., the wife of George T. Kimball, of Exeter; Mabel E., the wife of Charles E. Hilton, of Lowell, Mass.; and Carrie L., who died in infancy. Mr. Hilliard has been careful to have his children well educated. His son, William L., who shares in the milk business with him, the firm name being J. T. Hilliard & Son, resides at home, and is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He married Miss Flora E. Jewell, of Stratham, this county, and has two children — Mildred Jewell and Leon Wilcomb. Mr. Hilliard is actively interested in politics as a Republican, and has served as Town Clerk and Collector of Kensington. He is a member of the Moses N. Collins Post, No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, of Exeter; and of the order of Knights of Honor.

HON. JOHN W. NOYES, of Chester, N.H., is one of the best-known men in the western part of Rockingham County. He was born in Springfield, N.H., January 14, 1810, and is the son of Daniel and Nancy (Weare) Noyes, representatives of two old New Hampshire families.

His paternal grandfather, James Noyes, was a prominent citizen of Newbury, Mass., a descendant of one of the early settlers of that town. His father, Daniel Noyes, was born in



John W. Noyes.

Kingston, Rockingham County, N.H., in 1771. He was very prominent in the town of Springfield, N.H., where much of his active life was spent. An energetic and progressive man, he was a merchant, and engaged in various kinds of business in Springfield. He died August 5, 1812. His wife, Nancy W. Weare, who was born in Andover, N.H., January 10, 1785, was descended from early settlers of Hampton, Rockingham County. She died in Concord, N.H., May 9, 1845.

John W. Noyes was educated at the academies at Salisbury, Pembroke, and Meriden, N.H. He was first employed, several years, as a clerk in a store in Concord, N.H. In March, 1832, he engaged in business for himself in Chester, N.H., as merchant, farmer, etc. He continued in the mercantile business until 1855. Since then he has devoted much of his time and attention to agricultural affairs and insurance, probate, and justice business up to 1896, a brief record of more than sixty years. His home, a beautiful country seat, is in the village of Chester. In 1840 he was chosen a Director of the Derry Bank in Derry, N.H.; and in 1864, when that institution was made a national bank, he was elected President, which position he still holds.

Mr. Noyes has at various times held nearly all the local offices of the town. He was Town Treasurer for twenty-five years. For more than fifty years he has been a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. He represented Chester in the State legislature in 1841, 1842, 1853, 1854, 1875, and 1876, and in 1864 and 1865 was a member of the Executive Council.

Mr. Noyes has been a member of the Congregational church in Chester for more than sixty years, and a Trustee and Treasurer of the Ministerial Fund for many years. He is, and has been for many years, a corporate member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and has been one of the trustees of several of the religious and benevolent societies of the State. Mr. Noyes's only brother, the Rev. Daniel J. Noyes, was pastor of the South Congregational Church in Concord, N.H., twelve years, and professor at Dartmouth College more than thirty years.

Mr. Noyes was married September 27, 1836, to Nancy Aiken, of Chester, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Marston Aiken, the former of Chester, the latter of Hampton, N.H. Mrs. Noyes died June 20, 1840, leaving one child, Isabelle. This daughter, who died September 11, 1868, was the wife of Professor John E. Sinclair, formerly of Exeter, now of the Worcester Free Institute at Worcester, Mass. She left two children — Annie N. and Isabelle A. Mr. Noyes's second marriage took place October 18, 1842, in Concord, N.H., to Miss Clara D. McFarland, who was born in Concord, N.H., May 13, 1822, and was a daughter of the Rev. Dr. McFarland of that city. She died June 26, 1853. There were four children by this union, two of whom died in infancy. The third child, Elizabeth McFarland, is the wife of William S. Greenough, a prominent merchant of Boston, whose home is in Wakefield, Mass. The youngest child, Nancy Aiken, died July 30, 1871.

Mr. Noyes was married for the third time, June 21, 1855, to Miss Harriette S. Bouton, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Bouton, of Concord, N.H., and grand-daughter of ex-Governor John Bell, of Chester, N.H. She was born January 25, 1832. Two children blessed this union: Mary Bell, born July 26, 1858, who is with her parents; and John Weare, born June 17, 1867, who died February 3, 1871. Mr. Noyes has lived in his present home since his first marriage.

WILLIAM J. FRASER, a prosperous mason of Portsmouth, was born in Nova Scotia, February 2, 1836. He is of Scotch extraction. His father, who was married and had three children, was a seafaring man. William J., who was the eldest of the family, came to Portsmouth in 1850. In the following year he engaged as cook aboard a fishing-vessel, and followed the sea for three years. Finally, giving up this occupation, he applied himself to learn the mason's trade with Luther A. Hurd, and in due time became an expert workman. Later, in 1860, he entered into partnership with Otis Green, with whom, under the firm name of Fraser & Green, he carried on a profitable business for ten years. Since separating from Mr. Green he has conducted the business alone. Indus-

trious and enterprising, and in possession of an excellent reputation for good work, he can seldom or never be found without orders ahead. In addition to masonry he now executes stucco and other ornamental work with taste and despatch, and employs from ten to fifteen men.

He was first married to Miss Mary F. Pratt, by whom he had one son, Clarence W., the present Treasurer of the Piscataqua Savings Bank. For his second wife Mr. Fraser married Miss Martha J. Otis, a daughter of Harrison G. Otis, of Portsmouth. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal Church of Portsmouth. In politics Mr. Fraser is a Democrat, and served on the Board of Assessors and in the City Council for a number of years respectively. He is an Odd Fellow, owing his allegiance to Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Strawberry Bank Encampment, and Canton Senter, and is a member of the Mechanic Association.

BAILEY SARGENT, a prominent farmer and a produce dealer of Danville, was born here March 14, 1838, son of Samuel and Lois (Page) Sargent, both of Danville. His grandfather, Samuel Sargent, was a lifelong resident of Danville. Samuel married Sarah Griffin, who was a native of Salem, N.H.; and both died in this town. Their son, Samuel Sargent, Jr., the father of Bailey Sargent, was a cooper and a farmer, and followed both callings for a number of years. A man of character and ability, he was elected Selectman for a number of terms, and represented the district in the State legislature. He died May 2, 1890. His wife, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Towle) Page, who were esteemed residents of Danville, is now living with her son Bailey. She had three children, namely: Bailey, the subject of this sketch; John Wesley, who died April 14, 1877; and Woodbury Quimby, who died August 22, 1866. John W. Sargent married Miss Abbie Merrill, who died November 29, 1895; and Woodbury Q. Sargent married Miss Georgianna B. Dow, now living in Manchester, N.H. The mother is a member of the Methodist church.

Bailey Sargent received his education in the district school. The care of the farm fell to him at an early age, and subsequently he became the sole proprietor. The estate contains two hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land, on which Mr. Sargent has made most of the improvements. He raises great quantities of garden produce, which he personally disposes of to wholesale dealers in Lawrence and Haverhill, Mass., and Nashua, N.H. He keeps an average of ten head of cattle and six horses.

Mr. Sargent was married in August, 1863, to Helen M. Hooke, a native of Fremont, this county, and a daughter of Moses Hooke, a farmer of that town. They have four sons, namely: Charles H., now in the produce business at Haverhill; Alfred B., now a Selectman of Danville, and residing with his parents; Walter F., a graduate of Sanborn Seminary of Kingston, now teaching in Nashua, N.H.; and Herbert L., who is attending school. Mr. Sargent has given all his children the best educational advantages. In politics he is a strong Republican, and an active worker for his party. He was legislative Representative of the town in 1878, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years, and Town Treasurer for several terms. His home, situated in the northern part of Danville, is one of the handsomest in Rockingham County, he having spared no pains to make it beautiful. Mr. Sargent's friends and well-wishers are legion.

STEPHEN AUGUSTUS PREBLE, who has worked at the tonsorial art in Portsmouth for the past quarter of a century, was born September 25, 1845, in Weld, Me., son of Stephen and Julia (Greenwood) Preble. He is descended in a direct line, seven generations removed, from Commodore Preble, who with five of his brothers came to America in the early part of the seventeenth century. One of the brothers bore the name Stephen, which has since been perpetuated in the family. Some of the descendants of these seven brothers located in York County, Maine, becoming pioneers of that section. Stephen Preble, who was a black-

smith, followed his trade in the towns of Weld, Lewiston, and Wilton, Me., for some years, and afterward worked in the Portsmouth navy yard from 1862 until 1876 inclusive. He then retired to Auburn, Me., where he died, aged sixty-nine years. He was a member of the Christian Baptist church of Portsmouth for a number of years. He married Julia, daughter of James Greenwood, of Dublin, N.H. Of their three sons and three daughters, Stephen A. was the fifth child.

Stephen A. Preble was educated in the public schools of Lewiston, Me. After leaving school, he went to Boston in search of employment, and obtained a clerkship in the gem shop of E. S. Mills at 97 Hanover Street. Here he was engaged until 1862, when, inspired by the patriotic ardor of the times, he enlisted on Boston Common in Company H, Forty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and went under the command of the late General N. P. Banks on his secret expedition to relieve General Butler at New Orleans. He subsequently participated in many engagements, and returned home with his regiment through the West at the expiration of his term of enlistment. While in the army he contracted chills and fever from exposure, and his health was poor for some years after. Returning to Lewiston, he there learned the harness-maker's trade from his brother-in-law, H. G. Garcelon; but his health compelled him to give this up, and seek employment less exacting on his time and strength. Going to Auburn, Me., Mr. Preble learned the barber's trade at the Elm House barber shop. In 1865 he came to this city, where he worked for the succeeding five years as journeyman at the Kearsarge barber shop, 58 Congress Street. In 1870 he opened his present shop, where he has since acquired an extensive patronage. In 1881, with characteristic enterprise, he opened a pool room, which he manages in connection with his other business. Always a lover of pets, Mr. Preble has been in the poultry and pet stock business more or less during his life. At the present time he is largely interested in raising fine breeds of pigeons, rabbits, rats, guinea pigs, and pets of every description, finding this pleasant pastime quite profitable.

In 1869 Mr. Preble was married to Lucy J., the youngest daughter of Aaron Mudge, of this city, and has since become the father of one child, Stephen E. Liberal in his religious sentiments, he attends the Universalist church. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party, and he served as Assessor of Taxes in Portsmouth for nine years. He is a member of Stover Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic; St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, Strawberry Encampment, No. 5, Canton Senter, No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; and United Order of the Golden Cross, Portsmouth Commandery, where he is the Keeper of Records.

JAMES H. BATCHELDER, bookseller and stationer, Burlingame's Block, Exeter, and proprietor of the White Mountain hotel known as the Alpine House, is a native of Exeter, born in 1856. He is a son of Nathaniel I. and Elizabeth (Tuttle) Batchelder. Nathaniel I. Batchelder, who was born and reared in Loudon, N.H., has been for many years a resident of Exeter. In his early manhood he was occupied for a number of years as a tanner and currier. Subsequently he turned his attention to market gardening, in which he is still engaged to a certain extent, though seventy-five years of age. He is a quiet and unassuming man, content with the success achieved in his calling, and having no desire for the notoriety of public place. His wife, who also is a native of Exeter, still presides over his household; and in 1896 this venerable couple will celebrate their golden wedding.

James H. Batchelder attended the Exeter public schools until he reached the age of fifteen. His first work for wages was that of delivering papers for the leading book and news store of Exeter. He was subsequently employed as clerk in a music store in Boston for a number of years; and then Mr. Lane, of Exeter, who had an extensive trade in books, stationery, and music, offered him an interest

in his business. Accepting the offer, he returned to Exeter; and the business was conducted for about nine months under the firm name of Lane & Co. At this time Mr. Batchelder and John N. Thompson purchased the business, and two years later Mr. Batchelder bought out Mr. Thompson. He has now been the sole proprietor for the past ten years. His store, which is well stocked with fine stationery, books, periodicals, and all that the reading public is likely to demand, is one of the best in the city. In 1891 he built the Alpine Hotel in the White Mountains, a handsome structure costing twenty-two thousand dollars. It is now a most popular summer resort, and filled with guests every year from July to October. Mr. Batchelder manages the hotel himself during the season. He is well known to society people, for whom only he has made it his policy to cater.

In 1884 Mr. Batchelder was married to Miss Alice M. Harding, a native of Haverhill, Mass. They have two sons — James H., Jr., and Charles H. In politics Mr. Batchelder takes an active interest, voting the Republican ticket, while he does not aspire to official honors, as his business affairs demand all his time and attention.

ISRAEL DIMOND, one of the oldest and most highly respected agriculturists of Rockingham County, was born November 19, 1819, in the town of Hawk, as Danville was formerly called, on the homestead which he now owns and occupies. He is of pioneer ancestry, his great-grandfather, Reuben Dimond, having removed to Danville from South Hampton, where his forefathers had located in early times.

Israel Dimond, first, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born, lived, and died in Hawk, now Danville, his death occurring on his farm in 1825. John Dimond, son of Israel, first, succeeded his father in the ownership of the home property, and was here engaged in farming and lumbering during his entire active life, dying in 1845. He married Abigail Carter, a native of Newton township. She bore him three children, namely: Israel; Sarah, who died December 9, 1847; and Mariah, widow of the late Charles Whittier, who now lives on the old homestead with her brother Israel. The mother passed to the life immortal July 1, 1882.

Israel Dimond, the second of the name, and the subject of the present sketch, received a common-school education, and from his youth upward has been constantly engaged in agricultural pursuits, thereby acquiring an experience that has placed him among the leading farmers of his native town. Succeeding to the ownership of the ancestral acres, of which he assumed charge on the death of his father, he has carried on mixed husbandry with good results, having his farm of one hundred acres well improved, and a large part of it in a good state of culture. Mr. Dimond has also been extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and in partnership with Mr. Colby is now carrying on a large business. He has always been known as an industrious and progressive worker; and, notwithstanding that he has met with reverses, he has by steady perseverance overcome all obstacles, his efforts meeting with a well-merited success. Politically, Mr. Dimond is a very strong ally of the Republican party, and also an earnest worker in the cause of temperance. In 1864 he represented his native town in the State legislature; and he has served with recognized fidelity and ability in the various town offices, including that of Selectman and Treasurer.

On November 28, 1845, Mr. Dimond married Hannah S. Garland, a native of Barnstead, Belknap County, N.H. Her father, the late Elder David Garland, was pastor of the Baptist church in Barnstead for many years, living there until his death, which occurred on February 6, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Dimond are the parents of two children — S. Francena and Melbourne J. S. Francena is the wife of Alfred P. Emerson, of the town of Hampstead, this county. They have had seven children — Ada E., Albion D., Herbert J., George S., Fannie C., Jesse M., and one child who died in infancy. Melbourne J. has charge of the Rockingham County farm, located in Brentwood township. He married Miss Emma Davis, of Kingston, and has had three children — Grace May, Carrie Mabel, and one who died in infancy. Mr. Israel



SAMUEL S. FLETCHER.

Dimond and his estimable wife are members of the Baptist church.

JOSEPH B. WILBUR, one of the foremost farmers and stock-raisers of Fremont township, is a native of this county, born May 5, 1838, at East Kingston, son of Warren W. and Mary (Blake) Wilbur. Warren W. Wilbur was born and reared in Westmoreland, Cheshire County. In his early days he was fitted for the ministry, and was a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal denomination throughout his active years. He pursued his clerical labors at many places in New England, including several towns in this county. In East Kingston he preached for one year. After this he was called successively to Kingston and Salem. His last pastorate was in the town of Chester. From there he came with his son, Joseph B., to Fremont, and died in the latter's house December 9, 1872, at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, leaving a widow, who died October 8, 1874, aged seventy-three years. He was twice married. His first marriage was contracted with Mrs. Betsey Alden, who bore him four children — Louisa, Warren, Mary, and Betsey. Of these Mary, who is the wife of Joseph Hart, of Brentwood, this county, is the only one now living. He subsequently married Mrs. Mary Balcom Blake, daughter of a Mr. Balcom, of Waltham, Mass. Her first husband, Levi Blake, died a few years after their marriage, leaving her with one child, Joshua, who died February 28, 1875. Of this second union three children were born, as follows: Sylvester, who died November 12, 1870; Joseph B., the subject of this sketch; and Angeline, who died May 20, 1873.

Joseph B. Wilbur remained beneath the parental roof-tree until he attained his majority. Thereafter he engaged in teaming and farming in Chester and Fremont, and worked somewhat at the carpenter's trade, with which he was quite familiar. He made his home in Chester for some years, but finally removed to Fremont, thereafter making his permanent home on a farm which he purchased not far from the village. The property, containing one hundred and fifteen acres of choice land, has since been much enhanced in value by his improvements. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Wilbur raises some stock each year, and keeps a good dairy, selling his cream to the Hillside creamery, which is located near his farm. He is prominent in public affairs. He served as Selectman for three years, was Collector two years, and in 1885 he was a Representative in the State legislature. In politics he is a stanch Republican; and he is an active member of the local grange.

Mr. Wilbur has been twice married. On January 9, 1861, while living in Chester, he married Harriet Brown, who was born in Sandown, this county, daughter of Joseph Brown, a prosperous farmer. She died three years after their marriage, having borne him two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Wilbur subsequently married Sarah E. Brown on October 21, 1865. Mrs. Wilbur was born in Fremont October 10, 1845, daughter of Daniel S. and the late Mary H. (Bean) Brown. Her father, who now lives with one of his sons near the home of Mr. Wilbur, has been a lifelong resident of this township, while her mother was born and reared in Wilmot, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur have a daughter and a son, Nellie J. and Herbert B. Nellie J., born November 5, 1866, is the wife of Burton L. Smith, of Brentwood. Herbert B., born March 20, 1881, resides at home. Mrs. Wilbur is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fremont Village.

SAMUEL S. FLETCHER, formerly of Portsmouth, will be quickly recognized by his legion of friends in the portrait of him herewith presented. For many years the leading undertaker of Portsmouth, he was an upright, open-hearted, genial man, was greatly liked by all classes of people, and was widely mourned when he died, November 22, 1894. His obsequies were attended by a concourse of people; and the floral tokens, including a handsome cross sent by a Catholic priest, the Rev. E. M. O'Callaghan, were numerous and fondly designed.

Mr. Fletcher was a native of Maine, born at Kittery Point, April 22, 1834. His father, Samuel Fletcher, born and reared in Kittery, who for many years was a sea captain, is a deeply religious man, and a prominent member of the Christian Baptist Church. Samuel Fletcher married Eunice Gunnison, of Kittery; and they became the parents of three children, of whom Samuel S. was the first-born. Another son, John, has a good business in this city as a dealer in groceries and provisions. The father is still living, carrying easily his ninety-two years of life.

Samuel S. Fletcher attended the Kittery High School for a while. At the age of twelve years he began making sea voyages with his father. The ship in which he embarked for a trip to Europe, when he came of age, was wrecked, although no lives were lost. At the age of eighteen years he learned the cabinet-maker's trade with Messrs. Joy & Colcord. Subsequently, on the death of Mr. Colcord, he purchased the entire business, including an undertaking department. After conducting it alone for some time, he received H. G. Tanton into partnership, forming the firm of Fletcher & Tanton. This arrangement, which lasted several years, terminated at the death of the junior partner. Thereafter, Mr. Fletcher successfully carried on the business as the sole proprietor at the old stand, 60 Market Street, until his demise at the age of three score years.

In September, 1856, he married Mary A., daughter of George Rice, who followed the occupation of baker for many years in Portsmouth. Mr. Fletcher was an earnest supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. A member of the fire department for a number of years, he held the position of Chief Engineer of that department for two of those years. He was an Alderman of Portsmouth for another period of two years. Among the fraternities with which he was connected were: St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, having occupied all the chairs in each body; De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, of Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men; Knights of Golden Eagle, Oak Castle, No. 4; the Mechanics' Association, of which he was Treasurer for some time; of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was likewise Treasurer for a number of years.

CHARLES F. GREELEY, who is now living retired from active business pursuits, is a well-known resident of East Kingston, where his birth occurred December 22, 1822. The first of the Greeley family to locate in this section of the county was the grandfather of Charles F. He was a carpenter and cabinet-maker, and worked at these trades until his demise in 1789. Josiah Greeley, the father of Charles F., spent his entire life in this town, making farming his chief occupation, although he made quite a business of loaning money. He married Miss Sarah Currier, likewise a native of East Kingston, and with her settled on a farm near the present home of their son Charles, where they resided for the remainder of their lives. They had eight children, as follows: Josiah B., now deceased; Sarah, now Mrs. Eastman, who lives in Malden, Mass.; Eliphalet C., of East Kingston; Charles F., the subject of this sketch; Mary Frances, now the widow Stickney, who lives at Elk Point, So. Dak., very near Sioux City, Ia.; Luella B., who is the wife of W. H. Nelson, of this town; John, who resides in Boston; and Emily Elizabeth, now deceased.

Charles F. Greeley acquired his education in the district schools, and on the old home farm was early trained to agricultural occupations. At the age of seventeen years he began working for his grandfather, a substantial farmer, who gave him twenty-five cents a day for his services. Subsequently, going to Salisbury, Mass., Mr. Greeley spent three years working for a farmer, who at parting made him a present of three hundred dollars for his faithfulness. After his marriage he returned to East Kingston, and here invested his savings in a farm on which he resided a year. Disposing of that, he purchased his present snug little farm, which he has since

cultivated with most gratifying results. In 1851 he built the present dwelling-house, which, with the other substantial improvements he has effected, makes the place one of the pleasantest homes in the locality. He has twenty-nine acres of land, a part of which he devotes to the raising of fruit. The yield of his orchard alone brings him in a handsome income. In addition to his agricultural work Mr. Greeley has travelled throughout the county for the past thirty-five years, taking orders for marble work, chiefly tombstones. He has also been engaged in the insurance business at various times, having had agencies for some of the most prominent fire and life insurance companies of New England. He has been very successful as an agent. Some years ago, when engaged in selling the old-fashioned sewing-machines, he occasionally made two hundred dollars in a morning before breakfast. For the past six years he has lived retired from active work, and is now enjoying the fruits of his past years of toil.

Mr. Greeley was married March 28, 1847, to Miss Mary J. Smith, a native of Salisbury, Mass., where he was then working She was a daughter of Enoch and Betsey (Collins) Smith, both lifelong residents of that place. At her death, which occurred February 12, 1892, in her sixty-fourth year, she left two sons, both of whom are engaged in the marble cutting and granite business in Exeter, this county, having a large and lucrative trade. Charles E. Alvin, the elder son, born March 30, 1849, married Miss Susan G. Robinson, of Tilton, this State, and has one child, Florence May. Lyman B., born September 27, 1854, married Miss Nellie A. Spofford, of Kingston. The mother, who was an active and energetic woman, when her husband was away from home, supervised the farm, in addition to caring for her household. Mr. Greeley's housekeeper for the past four years has been Miss Addie Carter, who was born December 22, 1843, in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, daughter of an old sea captain. She came to this country with her parents when quite young, and was here reared and educated. Mr. Greeley is a stanch Democrat. Besides serving as Selectman of the township for a number of terms, he was a member of the State legislature in 1871. He is a Mason of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, to which he presented the corner-stone of its present hall.

MOSES J. EATON, the proprietor of one of the finest farms in South Hampton, was born on that estate, April 26, 1834. His parents were Moses and Betsey (Jones) Eaton, the former a native of Seabrook, N.H., born January 2, 1791, and the latter a native of South Hampton, born August 23, 1801. His grandfather, Aaron Eaton, was one of the early residents of Seabrook, this county, and probably a native of that town. About the year 1800 Aaron came to South Hampton, settling near the centre, and there spent the rest of his life. He was a typical farmer of the olden time, hale, courageous, and industrious, knowing no bodily ailments, so that, when eighty-eight years old, he was able to rake two acres of salt hay without stopping for lunch. In politics he was a Whig, in religion a liberal. He died November 5, 1863, at the age of ninety-four. His wife, Elizabeth, passed away February 11, 1843. Thirteen children were born to this couple, six of whom reached maturity.

Moses Eaton, the father of Moses J., was the eldest of his parents' sons who attained maturity. One of the leading farmers of the town in his day, he owned the farm on which his son resides, a fine estate of one hundred and forty acres, taking possession in 1825. He, too, was a Whig, and served as Selectman of the town. On religious subjects he held liberal views. He died August 3, 1869, aged seventy-eight years. His wife passed away August 30, 1884. They were the parents of seven children; namely, Jeremiah, Jacob, Thomas, Mary, Sarah, Moses J., and Benjamin F. Jeremiah, who was born December 29, 1821, died September 10, 1895, aged seventy-three years. Jacob, who was born November 21, 1823, is a farmer of South Hampton. Thomas, who was born July 8, 1826, is a farmer in Illiana, Ill. Mary, born July 13, 1828, taught school for forty years. She died August 2, 1890, at the age of sixty-two. Sarah, born October 6, 1830, is the wife of Charles E. Tuck, of Kensington,

N.H. Benjamin F., born September 16, 1836, is a clergyman of the Universalist church, living in Worcester, Mass.

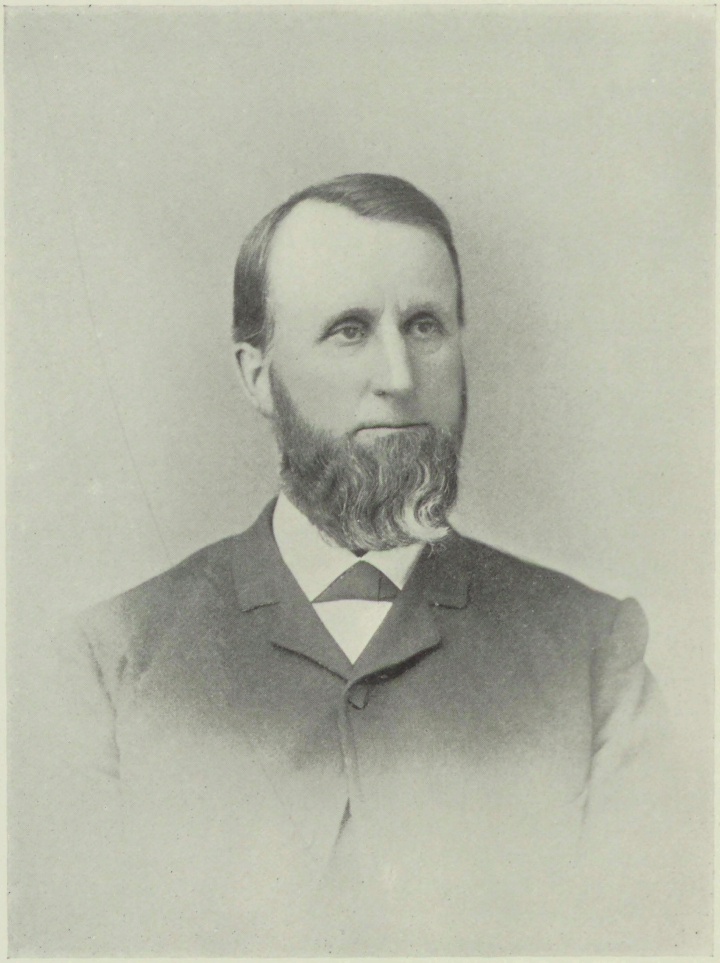
Moses J. Eaton was educated in the schools of his native town, taking his final course of study at Barnard Academy. He began to help about the farm when a boy. As he advanced in age and stature, increasing responsibility was placed upon him. At length his father retired from the active management, leaving the farm entirely in his charge. He cared for his parents in their old age; and, when they died, he naturally took his father's place as owner of the old Eaton homestead. Mr. Eaton has been very industrious and very successful in his farming. His farm is high land; and his residence, a comfortable and substantial farm-house, commands an extensive view of the surrounding country. He is engaged in general farming, and makes a specialty of raising fruit. His orchard, one of the best in the locality, produces a choice grade of apples and peaches.

Mr. Eaton was married April 13, 1865, to Mary J., daughter of Joseph and Mary J. (Woodman) Follansby. She was born in South Hampton, August 6, 1844. Her father, Joseph Follansby, who was born February 16, 1822, in Amesbury, Mass., lived for many years in South Hampton, industriously occupied in agriculture. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a liberal. He died in April, 1888. His wife, who was born in South Hampton, October 9, 1826, is still living in her native town. Besides Mrs. Eaton four of her six children are living, namely: Joseph W., born February 16, 1846, the Postmaster of South Hampton; Sarah A., born September 21, 1847, the wife of Benjamin Eaton, residing in Auburn, N.H.; Emily F., born July 28, 1852, the wife of Lemuel O. Hatch, of Amesbury, Mass.; and Florence May, born December 24, 1865. Fanny died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton have four children — William S., Adelaide F., Mary B., and Joseph D. William S., born September 5, 1865, who is a carriage-builder, and resides with his parents, married Susan Manson, who died leaving one son — Raymond M., born March 11, 1890. Adelaide F., born March 10, 1867, and Mary B., born November 9, 1868, are engaged in teaching school. Joseph D., born June 11, 1877, is a farmer on the homestead. Mr. Eaton is active in politics as a Republican, has held in turn all the town offices, and served as Representative in 1877–78. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barnard School in South Hampton for a number of years. In religious matters Mr. and Mrs. Eaton hold liberal opinions. Genial and whole-hearted people, they make their pleasant home doubly pleasant by their generous hospitality, and their friends are legion.

CHARLES W. SANBORN, Justice of the Peace and Notary Public of Epping, was born here in 1844, son of Jonathan P. and Mary F. (Rundlett) Sanborn. The Sanborn family were landmarks in this section of New Hampshire, being representative people in the community, who had a high standard of living and thinking. The parents of Charles W. were also natives of Epping, and here spent their lives. The father learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and followed it in addition to carrying on his farm for many years. While an unassuming man, he has much public spirit. He still lives on his farm, near the village of Epping, being seventy-nine years of age. His estimable wife passed away in 1895.

Charles W. Sanborn received his early education in the district schools, and for several years attended the seminary in Tilton, N.H. He still resides upon the farm where he was born, while he successfully manages the only job printing-office in Epping. In politics Mr. Sanborn is a Republican. He has served the town as Selectman, Auditor, Prosecuting Liquor Agent, and also as Chairman of the Town Hall Building Committee. This structure, which he was instrumental in having erected, is among the best in the county. He is at present discharging the duties of Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. His connection with secret orders is limited to membership in the Masonic Society.

In 1871 he was married to Julia B. Colby. Of their children there are four survivors;



EPHRAIM G. FLANDERS.

namely, Mary Lizzie, William C., Clarence C., and Walter P. Sanborn. The family are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Sanborn is recognized as a public-spirited citizen and a thorough-going business man.

EPHRAIM G. FLANDERS, a prominent business man of the village of Brentwood, was born here, August 14, 1834, son of Benjamin and Mary (Gordon) Flanders. He comes of a well-known family of Essex County, Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather, John Flanders, was born and bred in territory that was formerly a part of Salisbury, Mass., but is now included within the limits of Amesbury. He was a tanner by trade, and followed that calling until his death, which occurred at an early age. He had a natural talent for music, and for many years led the choir in the old church at Salisbury.

Benjamin Flanders, born in 1803, was also a native of Salisbury, where he grew to man's estate. In 1824 he came to Rockingham County, locating first in the town of Epping. A few years later he settled in Brentwood, about a mile from the village, where he lived until his demise, September 11, 1890, at the age of eighty-seven. He married Mary Gordon, a native of this town, where she spent her long and useful life, and died in July, 1882. They had five children, as follows: Adeline M., who died in February, 1882, in the hospital at Lowell, Mass.; Ephraim G., the subject of this sketch; Horace F., now of Amesbury, Mass.; William M., who lives with his brother Ephraim G.; and John W., now travelling in the North-west for J. C. Ayer & Co., of Lowell, Mass. The latter is a lawyer by profession, having, after four years of study, been admitted to the bar; but on account of ill-health he has been forced to relinquish practice, and seek outdoor occupation.

Ephraim G. Flanders remained with his parents until eighteen years of age. Then, with the energy and enterprise characteristic of New England youth, he bought in Brentwood a grist-mill, in which shingles, spokes, and hubs were also manufactured, and for eighteen years carried on a lucrative business. He then sold out, and has since been engaged in the lumber business. He is also interested in insurance, being agent for a number of companies, including one located in New Hampshire. Mr. Flanders has been Justice of the Peace for some time, and does a good deal of probate business, his sound judgment and honest decisions being well recognized.

Mr. Flanders was married October 16, 1865, to Miss Hannah E. Tuck, who was born in Brentwood, July 2, 1845, daughter of the late Deacon Coffin and Mary R. (Stevens) Tuck, both lifelong residents of this place. They have two sons — Ephraim Hale and Charles. The elder son, Ephraim Hale, married Miss Annie Prescott, and is now living in Amesbury, where he has quite a reputation as an artist, many of his paintings having been considered worthy of prizes at local exhibitions. At present he conducts a store at Amesbury. Charles, who is engaged in the manufacture of shingles and other wood-work, and operates a grist-mill in Brentwood, married Miss Grace E. Tucker, of Deerfield, this State. He has two sons, namely: Charles Ephraim, born March 8, 1894; and Harry Tucker, born April 22, 1896. Mr. Flanders, Sr., is a clever business man, and one of the largest property owners in this vicinity. Included in his real estate is a fine farm of three hundred acres. He is a Republican, and takes a very prominent part in politics. In 1883–84 he represented his district in the State legislature. He has served two terms as Selectman, and is now Moderator. Mr. Flanders is influential in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, N.H.; of St. Alban Chapter, No. 15, of Exeter, N.H.; of Olivet Council, No. 11, of Exeter; and of De Witt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth, N.H.

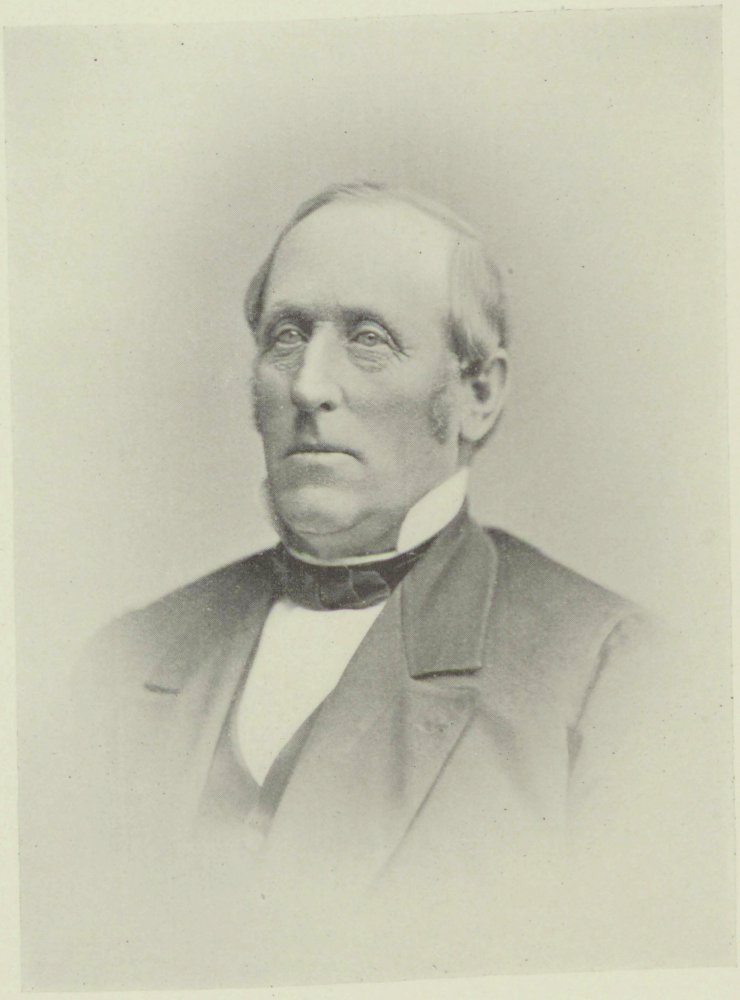
FRANCIS T. FRENCH, an esteemed resident of East Kingston, now retired from active business, is a native of the town, born September 2, 1835. He is descended from one of the early settlers of Rockingham County, his paternal grandfather, Richard French, having been a lifelong farmer

in East Kingston. Richard French married Judith Hilton, and of their children Enoch S. was the father of Francis T. Enoch S. French, born here September 3, 1796, was bred to agricultural pursuits, which he subsequently followed throughout the rest of his life. He was an influential man in the community, was quite prominent in public life, and represented his native town in the State legislature at two or three different sessions. His death occurred February 12, 1879. He was twice married. His first wife, Permelia T. (Tilton) French, who was born in Deerfield, this county, died at a comparatively early age in July, 1854, leaving six children. These were: Isabella, the widow of the late Dennis Veasey, living in Haverhill, Mass.; Richard G., who died in 1889; Permelia J., who died in 1891, was the wife of the late Robert Burroughs; Francis T., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth N., the widow of George Minor, and a resident of Chicago, Ill.; and Augusta, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Minor. The father subsequently married Mrs. Amos Morrill, of East Kingston, who is now living with her step-son.

Francis T. French, having obtained his education in the common schools of his native town, began life for himself at the age of eighteen years. In company with Mr. George W. Sanborn, who is now one of his near neighbors, he started a butchering business, which in time grew to a large wholesale and retail meat trade, and extensive dealings in cattle throughout the county. The partnership lasted for about twenty-five years, after which Mr. French bought out Mr. Sanborn's interest, and conducted the business alone for ten years, meeting with signal success. Having also invested in real estate, he is now the owner of two eighty-acre farms in this township and a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Kensington. On giving up his meat market, Mr. French turned his attention to farming, at which he has since been engaged. He has taken a leading part in public affairs. He was Town Clerk and Selectman for several years; represented the town in the State legislature in 1865, 1879, and 1893; and was State Senator in 1883.

Mr. French has been twice married. On December 27, 1865, he married Miss Alsina Stevens, who was born in Newton, this county, daughter of William and Sarah Stevens. She died July 13, 1876, leaving one child — Francis Enoch, now a farmer and butcher, living in East Kingston, and married to Miss Alice Dow, of East Kingston. Mr. French was again married in 1877 to Miss Emily S. Chase, who was born in Seabrook, N.H. She is a daughter of the late Enoch and Betsy Chase. Her father was engaged in farming and boat-building during his life. Mr. and Mrs. French have had three children, of whom Annie P. and Alice T. survive. Mabel C. died July 29, 1888, at the age of nine months.

HON. JOHN TAYLOR, formerly a manufacturer of woollens, but now living in retirement at Salem Depot, was born in Lancashire, England, August 26, 1816, son of John and Mary (Hutchins) Taylor. His parents, who were also English born, came to this country about the year 1827, and with their family of young children took up their residence at South Andover, Mass. They did not remain long in South Andover, but moved about from place to place, finally settling in Lynnfield, Mass., where the father, with two other gentlemen, established a factory for the manufacture of woollen flannels. John Talyor, Sr., whose expectations were not realized, withdrew from the company at the end of three years, and in 1833 with his family removed to Salem, N.H. There he formed a partnership with another gentleman, and began to manufacture flannels in a small frame building in North Salem. This venture was a prosperous one; and the firm eventually erected a large brick mill, and gave employment to about fifty hands. In course of time John became sole proprietor, and the business so prospered that he was finally able to retire. He died about a year and a half after his retirement. Of his children the following are living: James, residing in Franklin, N.H.; John, the subject of this sketch; Ellen, the wife of Matthew H. Taylor; and June, the wife of Nathaniel Paul, in Salem.



JOHN TAYLOR.

The Hon. John Taylor obtained his education chiefly in the school of practical experience, having had but few opportunities to study in any other school. He went to work in a mill when about eleven years of age, and "grew up in the business." In 1847 he was manufacturing woollen goods in Salem on his own account in a building that occupied the site where now stands the brick mill of John W. Wheeler. He had been employed in that way some ten years, when, wishing for a change from mill life, he sold his interest, and purchased a farm in the suburbs of Haverhill, Mass., on which he lived for the ensuing ten years. Then he returned to the manufacturing business again, forming with his brother James the firm of Taylor & Co., and establishing a factory at Franklin Falls, N.H. Mr. Taylor is now retired from business. After living for a number of years in Franklin Falls, he came in 1888 to Salem Depot, which has since been his place of residence.

Mr. Taylor married Dorcas Wheeler, a native of Salem, daughter of Amos Wheeler, formerly of that town. Her death, which occurred in September, 1892, was a severe blow to her husband, whose loving helpmate she had been for over fifty years. Mrs. Taylor was a most estimable lady, and many friends mourned her demise. She was the mother of four children, two of whom are living, namely: Leonard M., residing at Salem Depot; and John A., a graduate of Brown University, now the manager of the messenger department of the Bank of the Republic, Boston, Mass. In politics Mr. Taylor is a Republican. He represented the town of Franklin, N.H., in the State legislature for two years, and has served on the Salem Board of Selectmen. A public-spirited citizen, he is always ready to aid any project for the betterment of the town or the amelioration of general society. His portrait is presented with this sketch of his life.

PROFESSOR EDMUND R. ANGELL, the well-known expert in analytical chemistry, who holds the responsible position of Chemist of the New Hampshire State Board of Health, was born in Scituate, R.I., March 4, 1848.

The Angell family in America claims descent from English ancestors. Thomas Angell was one of the five men who with Roger Williams began the settlement of Providence, R.I., in the spring or early summer of 1636. He had two sons — James and John; and from one of these Professor Angell is lineally descended. James Angell married Abigail Dexter.

Richard Angell, the Professor's grandfather, was a patriotic American, serving as a soldier in the War of 1812. His son, Edmund R. Angell, the first of this name, was born in Scituate, R.I., and was a lifelong farmer there. He married Susan Dexter, of the same town, and became the father of the son and namesake, Professor Angell, of Derry, N.H.

The younger Edmund spent his early years on his father's farm in Scituate, and received his elementary education in the public schools. He was fitted for college at Lapham Institute in Scituate; and in 1869 he entered Bates College in Lewiston, Me., where he was graduated in 1873 with the degree of A.B. In the following year, 1874, he became a student of Cobb Divinity School, which is a branch of Bates College. During the two years of his course at the Divinity School he was engaged in laborious mental work; for, besides being a faithful student, he was at the same time a tutor of mathematics in Bates College, which made his life one of continued intellectual effort. As a teacher, he had already acquired some experience, having taught school through the vacations during his course at Bates, and in this way largely defrayed his expenses at college. For one term each he was principal of Yarmouth and Hartland Academies in Maine, fulfilling his double duty with equal credit in both lines of work, and becoming, by the very fact of his honorable efforts, each day more and more earnest and manly, better fitted to receive the success his labors merited.

He was next employed for a period of two terms as principal of the high school in Castine, Me., coming from that town to Derry, N.H., March 18, 1876. His experience and reputation as a teacher made him peculiarly fitted to hold the position of principal of Pinkerton Academy; and the people of Derry rec-

ognized their good fortune in securing him in that capacity, and retaining him in the same for nine years.

Soon after the organization of the New Hampshire State Board of Health, Professor Angell became connected with it as Analytical Chemist, a position which he is holding at the present time. In 1885 he resigned his charge as principal of Pinkerton Academy, in order to give his entire time to scientific research, to which his tastes were naturally inclined. In his well-equipped laboratory, which contains all of the most modern appliances for analytical chemical work, he spends most of his time. He has been especially interested in the investigation of bacteriological science, and is at present devoting himself especially to that line of research, having supplied himself with the most advanced means of investigation. In mineralogy, as well as in chemistry he has also a wide reputation, being considered an authority in the analysis of granites. His acknowledged proficiency as an expert in detecting and analyzing blood stains has brought him into prominence in connection with several murder cases, in which his testimony has been of vital importance.

But not only has Professor Angell been engaged in purely scientific research, he has also served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of a public servant, being a Representative in the New Hampshire State legislature from the town of Derry for the term of 1890 and 1891. He has also been one of the town's Selectmen. In political affiliation he is a Republican. Socially, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is now Past Grand of Echo Lodge, No. 61, at Derry Depot. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, Rockingham Lodge, No. 29, and officiates as keeper of the records and seals in that lodge. Professor Angell is a gentleman of wide culture and courteous manner, and has the faculty of setting those about him at ease at once, which makes him accessible in spite of all his learning, and renders him very generally popular among all classes.

In 1873 Professor Angell was married to Miss Lizzie James, of Somersworth, N.H., and a daughter of John James, late of Lewiston, Me.

Of the two children born to them, one, Ralph R., remains to brighten their home. The other, also a son, Everett R., born in 1880, passed to the higher life in 1890. His last earthly resting-place in Forest Hill Cemetery is marked by two stones of rarely beautiful design, and without other ornament than the inscriptions cut upon the exquisitely polished surface. The headstone below the name bears the last words of the child to his father, "See them up yonder!" The other stone bears the inscriptions, "In God's workshop," and "Until the day dawns and darkness disappears!" There is an inexpressible pathos in the childish words, so poetic and so mysteriously beautiful. The reader who stands beside the little grave feels instinctively that a lovely child-soul has found fitting employment indeed "in God's workshop!"

HON. AARON L. MELLOWS, of New Market, N.H., the oldest practising lawyer in Rockingham County, was born in New Durham, N.H., January 1, 1821. He is a son of Samuel and Patience (Leighton) Mellows, and is of Scotch descent by both parents. His great-grandfather, Samuel Mellows, a Scotchman by birth, came to America with Governor Wentworth, but later returned to England, where he died. His son Samuel, the grandfather of Aaron L., was born in Wolfboro, Carroll County. Samuel, who was a strong and sturdy farmer, lived to an advanced age, spending several years of his life in Alton, N.H., and the last part of it at Sandy River, Me. His wife's maiden name was Hannah Twombly.

Samuel Mellows, the third Samuel in the line of descent, born in Middleton, N.H., October 20, 1795, was skilful in all branches of the wheelwright's trade, which he followed until within six years of his death. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and participated in the battle of Plattsburg. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Free Will Baptist. The last six years of his life were spent with his son in New Market, where he died when nearly eighty-three years of age. He was twice married, on the first occasion to Patience Leighton, who was a native of North-

wood, N.H., born May 22, 1795. She was a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Murray) Leighton, and a grand-daughter of Captain John Murray, a seafaring man of Scottish birth. Aaron Leighton, who was a shoemaker by trade, spent the greater part of his life in Northwood and Barnstead, N.H. When the colonists were called to arms in 1775, he left his home, and started for Boston. He was in the redoubts at Bunker Hill, and subsequently fought in the ranks of the Continental forces until the surrender at Yorktown. He died in Barnstead at the age of seventy-five. His second wife, who was a native of New Durham, lived to be eighty-seven years old. Mrs. Patience (Leighton) Mellows died at the age of fifty-two. Of five children born to Mr. Mellows, Aaron L. is the only one living. His daughter, Harriet M., subsequently became Mrs. Leeds, and died at the age of twenty-four; Daniel C., who was a shoemaker, died at the age of sixty-four; Samuel B. lived but twenty-eight years; and Patience J., who became Mrs. Rand, died at the age of forty-eight.

The Hon. Aaron L. Mellows received his early education in the schools of Alton and New Durham, and at the academies of Strafford, Pittsfield, and Pembroke, all within the State. After remaining at home until he was eighteen years of age, he engaged in school-teaching, which he followed for some fifteen years. Afterward he worked as clerk in a country store for five years; and he was editorial writer for the old Dover *Gazette* for fifteen or twenty years, and for one year was editor of the Dover *Sentinel*. Early in life he had resolved to enter a profession, and he held to the resolution throughout all this period. At length he studied law for three years with A. F. L. Norris, of Pittsfield, read one year in the office of Hatch & Webster, of Portsmouth, N.H., and, finishing his studies with William B. Small, of New Market, he was admitted to the bar in June, 1862. He opened an office in New Market, where he has now been established some thirty-four years. Mr. Mellows is a member of the Democratic party. While residing in Alton, he served as Selectman, and was Superintendent of Schools there for eleven years. In New Market he was Auditor, member of the School Committee, and Town Clerk for four years, Justice of the Peace for thirty-five years; and for some time past he has been Notary Public and the Coroner of New Market. He represented the district in the State legislature of 1874–75, and was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention held in 1889. During the war he was active as a recruiting officer, and enlisted about one hundred men.

Mr. Mellows was married in 1847 to Lucretia F. Adams, who died in 1850. She had one child, who died in infancy. On August 27, 1865, Mr. Mellows entered a second marriage, contracted with Harriet A. James, of Deerfield, N.H. By this union he has one son — Carl P., born October 20, 1869, who is studying law in his father's office. Regarding religious matters Mr. Mellows holds liberal opinions. His wife is a prominent member of the Free Will Baptist church, and is active in Sunday-school work. Mr. Mellows has long been a leading man in the busy community of New Market, and is known and respected throughout this part of the State.

JOHN PARKIN, who is successfully engaged in the grocery business at Portsmouth, was born July 10, 1846, in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, England, where his father, William Parkin, spent the greater part of his life. William Parkin was a weaver by trade, and worked at that calling in his native town. He married Jane Weston, a daughter of John Weston, of Lancashire, England, and by her became the father of seven children, of whom John was the third child in the order of birth.

John Parkin began to work for his living on a neighboring farm when but eight years of age. On attaining his majority, he secured a situation with Robert Brierly & Son, who were engaged in manufacturing blankets for the United States, where the Civil War was then waging. On December 7, 1870, Mr. Parkin sailed for America, hoping here to improve his circumstances. Arriving in Philadelphia, he entered the United States naval service, and was soon after sent to the Portsmouth navy yard, where he remained three years. The succeeding nine years he spent

in the employment of the old Eastern Railroad Company. He then worked for the late William Plaisted, who kept a grain and grocery store, first as a clerk, and afterward as a teamster, until Mr. Plaisted died. Soon after, in company with Staples & Furbush, he engaged in business on Market Street, under the firm name of the Portsmouth Grain & Grocery Company. The firm dissolved at the end of six years, and Mr. Parkin opened a grocery store at 22 1-2 South Street. Here he has since conducted a lucrative trade in choice and staple groceries, having acquired, by his straightforward methods, a large and constantly increasing patronage.

In December, 1878, Mr. Parkin was united in marriage with Miss Mary Woodruff, of this city. Their only daughter, Mabel, married F. W. Buzzell, and now resides in Orange, Mass. In politics Mr. Parkin affiliates with the Democratic party, while he has no ambition for public office. His connection with fraternal orders includes membership in Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is now Past Grand; in Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, all the chairs of which he has filled; and in Rebecca Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he served as Chaplain for some time. He likewise belonged to St. George's Lodge until the society dissolved.

JESSE L. DOLLOFF, a progressive farmer and dairyman of the town of Exeter, N.H., is a native-born citizen, the year of his birth being 1844. He is a representative of a well-known family of Exeter, and a son of the late Stephen P. Dolloff.

Stephen P. Dolloff, who was born in Exeter in 1794, spent his life in this town, being actively identified with its farming interests for many years. He married Judith A. Rowell; and together they trod life's pathway for many years, ending their earthly journey at about the same time, both dying in 1882, the husband at the age of eighty-eight years, and the wife aged seventy-eight.

Jesse L. Dolloff obtained his education in the district schools of Exeter, and worked on the home farm until reaching the age of eighteen years. In 1862, fired with patriotic enthusiasm, and eager to have a part in defending the Union, he enlisted in Company E, Thirteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, and, donning the blue, marched with his comrades to the theatre of war. He served bravely for three years, being in many important engagements and skirmishes, and with his comrades running frequent and imminent risk of death or capture. After receiving an honorable discharge, he worked for a time at carpentering in his native town. In 1868 he bought the farm where he now resides, which contains seventy-five acres of land, and which by judicious management and persistent effort he has brought to a good state of cultivation. The improvements on the place are of substantial and practical character, and reflect credit upon the proprietor. Politically, Mr. Dolloff is an unswerving Republican, but has never sought nor cared for political favors. He is a member of Moses M. Collins Post, No. 26, Grand Army of the Republic, of Exeter.

Mr. Dolloff was married in 1867 to Miss Margaret A. Lamson, daughter of Asa B. and Mary Ann Lamson, of Exeter. Into the household thus established four children have been born, all of whom are still living, namely: Edith Gertrude, wife of Walter H. Conner, of Exeter; Frank A.; Charles L.; and Anna M. Mrs. Dolloff is an active member of the Baptist church.

LEVI E. LANE, of Hampton Falls, was born in that town, February 5, 1819, son of Levi and Annie (Batchelder) Lane. The pioneer of his race in this part of the country, Deacon Joshua Lane was killed by lightning. Deacon Lane left fourteen children, who, intermarrying with other early families here, established a wide circle of relationship. Jeremiah Lane, grandfather of Levi E., was a tailor. A man who never was idle, he worked at his trade, fashioned gravestones, managed a farm, and with all this found time to study astronomy, devoting hours of the night to observing the stars.

It was he who established the Lane homestead in Hampton Falls, having reclaimed the land by his labor from the primitive wilderness in which he found it. His death occurred in his seventy-fifth year. He married Mary Sanborn, of Hampton Falls, and reared six children.

Levi Lane spent his early years on the homestead, receiving his education at the district school and under the private tuition of Dr. Langdon, one of the former Presidents of Harvard College. He learned tailoring from his father, and worked at that trade and at farming during his active life. He enlarged the homestead property by the purchase of one hundred acres of land, on which, after erecting there a fine set of buildings, he spent the latter portion of his life. His townsmen delegated to him the duty of fixing the tax rate of the town for over twenty years; and he served for many years as Selectman and Town Clerk. He died in 1864, at the advanced age of ninety years. His wife, who was a daughter of David and Mary (Emery) Batchelder, died in 1848. She bore him ten children, seven of whom attained maturity, and three died in infancy. They were: Jeremiah, Mary A., Sarah, Rhoda, Abbie, George G., Levi E., Emery, David Emery, and Nancy. Levi E. is now the only survivor of the family.

Levi E. Lane attended the district school, and spent two terms at Rockingham Academy. Succeeding to the homestead, its management naturally became his chief occupation. He also added to the acreage of the farm, and now has a considerable extent of land under cultivation. Mr. Lane has made quite a reputation as a stone-wall builder, and many of the walls in the vicinity are his handiwork. In 1849 he was united in marriage with Cynthia S. Lane, who died, leaving one daughter, Annie Sarah. Annie S. is now the wife of Charles F. Wadleigh, a native of Kensington, this county, and has three children — Mabel L., Fanny M., and Lawrence E. Mr. Lane subsequently married Ann Cashan, who died in 1877, leaving no children. He cast his first Presidential vote for the Whig candidate, William H. Harrison, in 1840, and has supported the Republican party since its formation. He was a Representative in the State legislature of 1866 and 1867, has served as Selectman of the town, and has been a Justice of the Peace for twelve years. Since early youth he has been actively interested in religious work, and he has been a member of the Congregational church for over half a century.

LEVI S. GORDON, for many years one of the most active and prominent citizens of Danville, Rockingham County, N.H., was a lifelong resident of the Gordon homestead, now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy A. Gordon. Mr. Gordon was born November 25, 1825, and died January 11, 1894, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was one of a family of four children born to Dudley and Dorothy (Sanborn) Gordon, the former of whom was a native of Brentwood, and the latter of Danville.

Dudley Gordon came to Danville when quite young; and after his marriage he worked on the farm now owned by his son's widow, here engaging in the pursuit of agriculture until his death, which occurred at a comparatively early age.

Levi S. Gordon was left an orphan when but thirteen years of age, and remained on the homestead in care of his grandparents until old enough to take charge of the farm himself. From that time on he continued engaged in general farming, meeting with signal success in his independent occupation, his farm, which is situated in North Danville, being one of the finest in its appointments and improvements of any in the locality. In addition to agricultural labors Mr. Gordon carried on a successful and extensive business in teaming, and for more than thirty years drew coal from North Danville to Andover, Merrimack County. He was widely known and highly respected, and for a number of terms was elected to represent his native town in the State legislature, besides serving many years as selectman of the township.

Mr. Gordon was married June 20, 1850, to Miss Dorothy A. Clifford, who was born in Kingston, March 25, 1833, a daughter of Daniel and the late Clara C. Clifford. Mr. Clifford, her father, now a venerable and re-

spected man of eighty-nine years, living in the town of Danville, was formerly engaged in the manufacture of boxes. Three children were born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, the following being their record: Alma L., the wife of Forest Towle, lives in Danville; Elvira C., is the wife of L. Waldo Collins, of Kingston village; and Flora, who lives in the same village, is the wife of William A. Bakie, a well-known merchant. Mrs. Gordon, who continues to occupy the home farm, is highly esteemed throughout the community for her many estimable qualities. Her house is ever hospitably open to her large circle of friends and acquaintances.

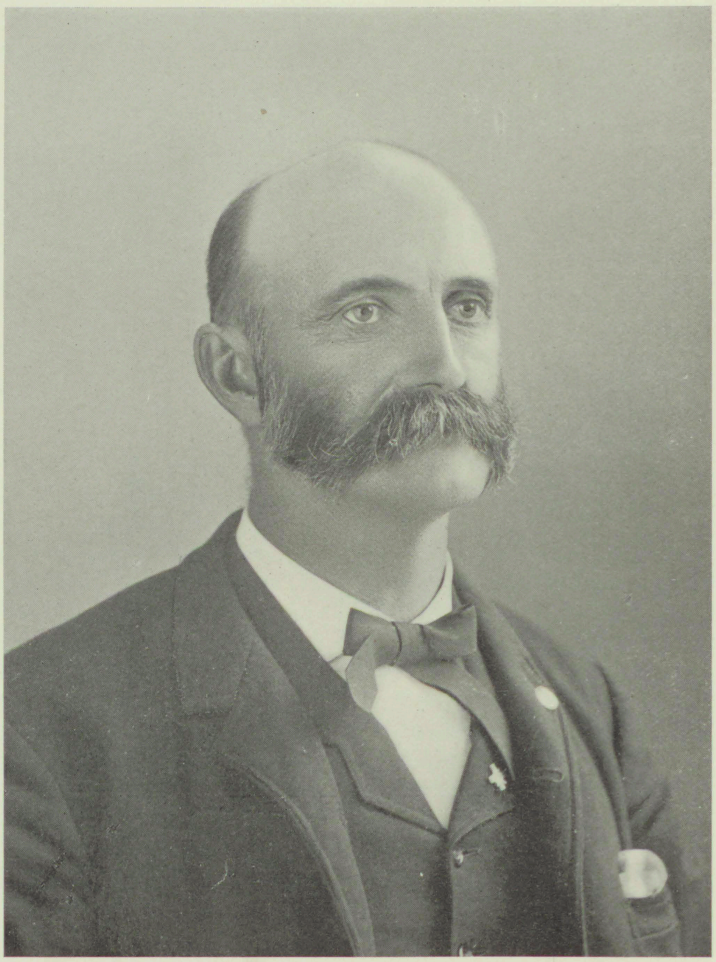
CHARLES S. WOODBURY, a thriving farmer and honored citizen of Salem, was born in this town, March 13, 1850, son of Hiram Woodbury, a native of Salem, and his wife, Prudence (Churchill) Woodbury, who was a native of Nova Scotia. The Woodbury family is one of the oldest in this town. Israel Woodbury, the great-grandfather of Charles S., was a Revolutionary patriot. Hiram Woodbury, who is now in his seventy-fourth year, has been a lifelong resident of Salem, and is the owner of a fine farm here. Of the children born to him and his wife, Prudence, three survive, namely: Charles S., whose name heads this sketch; Frank L., who has served as Selectman of Salem; and John, a resident of Salem Depot. They were bereft of their only daughter, Marietta. Hiram Woodbury is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem Depot, and in political affiliation he is a Democrat.

Charles S. Woodbury remained with his parents during the years of his minority, attending the district school, becoming thoroughly familiar with the practical side of farming, and also working at shoemaking to some extent. On leaving home, he went to Pelham, N.H., where he learned stone-cutting, which trade he followed for some twenty-three years. For the past few years he has devoted his time exclusively to farming, and owns about sixty-five acres of fertile land, on which he has a good house and commodious barns and outbuildings. In 1875 Mr. Woodbury was joined in matrimony with Miss Emma Webster, a native of Londonderry, and daughter of James Webster. Four children have blessed their union, all of whom, with the exception of Carrie, the second child, are living; namely, Frederick E., Mary E., and Hattie B.

For two years Mr. Woodbury served on the Board of Selectmen. He was nominated as Representative to the State legislature, but failed of election. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, belonging to Spicket Falls Lodge, No. 76, at Methuen, Mass., and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem Depot, of which he is also a Trustee. He enjoys in a high degree the respect of his neighbors, friends, and business associates.

HON. ALEXANDER JUNKINS, a sterling citizen of Greenland, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in York, York County, Me., September 9, 1813, the year of Commodore Perry's famous victory on Lake Erie. His parents were Alexander and Judith (Moulton) Junkins. They had two children, the other being Alvin, who was born July 9, 1811, and died in 1886, being buried at Eliot, Me., where he was at the time of his death.

Alexander Junkins, Jr., in his youth attended the district school, but is largely self-educated. At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the trade of a tanner and currier, serving three years as apprentice in the village of Eliot, during which time he received for his services his board and clothes. After working a year in Saco, Me., he went to Boston, where he was employed at his trade for two years. He then went to Berwick, Me., where he opened a tannery, which he conducted for a period of eighteen years, finally selling out and removing to Eliot, in which place he engaged in farming. In 1887 he came to Greenland, where he has since lived a retired life. Mr. Junkins has been prominent in public affairs. He served as Representative in the Maine legislature in 1848, and again in 1850; and in 1856 he was a member of the Senate. He was also Deputy



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Sheriff of York County three years, and Selectman for several years; and he has been elected Moderator more than fifty times. After his removal to Greenland he was elected Representative from this district in 1894, being the oldest man in the house. In his political opinions he is a Democrat.

On April 2, 1837, Mr. Junkins was united in matrimony to Elizabeth L. Staples, who was born in Eliot in 1818. They have one child, Dr. William O. Junkins, the present Mayor of Portsmouth, who promises to become as popular and distinguished as his honored father.

JOHN F. C. RIDER, of Newfields, a well-known citizen, who was for many years connected with the iron manufactures here, and is now engaged in general farming, was born in Newfields, July 6, 1842, son of John Bradford and Elizabeth Armet (Colcord) Rider. He comes of an old Colonial family of English origin, which flourished in Plymouth, Mass., and is connected by ties of kindred with Governor Bradford and with Peregrine White.

Mr. Rider's grandfather, John Bradford Rider, Sr., who was born in Halifax, Mass., November 9, 1778, settled in Thomaston, Me., in 1793. A carpenter and joiner by trade, he worked on many of the buildings in Thomaston, some of which are standing today. He was an artillery officer, and was known as Captain Rider. He died January 9, 1845, aged sixty-six years. His first wife, to whom he was united February 14, 1805, was Nancy White, a descendant of Peregrine White, the child born on the "Mayflower" in November, 1620. She was the mother of his children: Thomas J., born July 17, 1806; Nancy, December 18, 1897; Lurania, January 14, 1810; Margaret, October 25, 1811; John Bradford, Jr., the father of our subject, August 25, 1814; and Soveiah, October 25, 1816. Lurania died in 1829. The others married and reared families. Captain Rider's second wife, to whom he was married July 29, 1819, was Mary Simonton Wiggin.

John Bradford Rider, Jr., spent his early life in Halifax, Mass. He started to provide for himself at the age of fourteen, and as a youth learned the iron moulder's trade, serving an apprenticeship under one Captain Torrey. As a journeyman, he worked in various places; and about 1833 he settled in South New Market or Newfields, N.H. He was one of the company which formed the New Market Iron Foundry in 1834, the others being George O. Hilton, Amos Paul, and Joseph G. Skinner. This enterprise had a prosperous existence of thirty years under the original management, and was then sold to the Squamscot Machine Company. After the business was disposed of, Mr. John B. Rider engaged in general farming on the homestead now occupied by his son, which he had purchased in 1841, and onto which he moved in 1844. He made many improvements on the estate, erecting the house which is now standing, and cultivating the land to a high degree.

One of the leading men of the town, he was prominent as a Whig and a Republican, and represented the district in the legislature in 1859, and served for some time as Selectman. He died in Newfields, December 28, 1887. He was married, November 28, 1837, to Elizabeth Armet Colcord, daughter of Joseph and Sally (Jenness) Colcord. She was born in Newfields, March 28, 1817, and died here August 11, 1893. They had the following children: Sarah E., born September 30, 1838, wife of Edward J. Beal, of Newfields; John F. C., the subject of this sketch; and Carrie A., born August 16, 1849, who died January 12, 1873, aged twenty-three years and five months. She was the wife of Charles A. Scruton, of Somersworth, N.H.

John F. C. Rider received his education in Newfields and at Andover, Mass. After leaving school, he was employed as clerk in the office of the Squamscot Machine Company and New Market Iron Foundry until 1865, when, in company with Charles H. Sanborn, Rufus Sanborn, and Levi L. Pollard, he organized the Union Machine Company of South New Market. Within a year Mr. Rider bought the entire plant; and he conducted a successful business until 1869, when the buildings were destroyed by fire. He was then engaged in the patent business until 1875; and the seven years following that date he was employed as

travelling salesman by the Philadelphia firm of Ely & Williams, iron and steel dealers. He was afterward engaged for seven years as New England agent for the firm of Park Brothers & Co. of Pittsburg, Pa., one year as clerk for the Boston house of Houghton & Richards, steel and iron dealers, and was a short time with the Allen-Governor Company of Boston. He then settled on the homestead in Newfields, where he has since been successfully engaged in general farming and dairying. His property covers between sixty-five and seventy acres, and is one of the best farms in the locality; and Mr. Rider, having travelled extensively in different States, has many good ideas which he has put into practical effect on his farm.

November 21, 1863, he was married to Helen A., daughter of Albert S. Freese, of Newfields. A son, Frank L. P., was born to them April 6, 1865, and died March 15, 1895.

Mr. Rider votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Star of the East Lodge, No. 50, A F. & A. M., of Exeter, N.H.; Prescott Lodge, No. 55, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Charlestown, Mass.; United Order of the Golden Cross; Newfields Commandery, No. 238, of Newfields; the Royal Arcanum, Suffolk Council, No. 60, of Boston. On religious subjects he holds liberal views. Mrs. Rider is a member of the Congregational church.

HENRY C. SMITH, for many years prominent among the farmers of Londonderry, was born in this town, on the farm which he now owns, July 13, 1844. His parents were Elisha and Rachel (Sanborn) Smith, both natives of Rockingham County. His grandfather, David Smith, was the son of an early settler of Londonderry, who came from Massachusetts, and was a soldier in the French and Indian War. Elisha Smith was born in Londonderry, and spent his life on the farm now occupied by his son. He was well known in the locality, and took an active interest in local politics, voting first with the Whigs, and then with the Republicans. Though not a professed church member, he had a sincere respect for religion, and attended church quite regularly. He died in May, 1887, in his eighty-seventh year. His widow passed away in March, 1893. Of their children three are living, namely: Nathan S., in Salem, N.H.; Sherburne D.; and Henry C., in Londonderry.

Henry C. Smith was reared on his father's farm, obtaining his education in the public school of his district and at Pinkerton Academy. Beginning in early boyhood, he helped in the farm work, so that by the time he reached his majority he was a competent farmer. He is now extensively engaged in general farming, having a fine property of one hundred and seventy-five acres. He has also followed lumbering for several winter seasons.

On April 24, 1877, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Susan D. Hazelton, a native of Chester, this county, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Morse) Hazelton, both now deceased. Mrs. Smith, who is an educated and intellectual lady, taught school for several years before her marriage. She is the mother of five children — Alice B., Nelson E., Grace R., Ella N., and Fred H. Mr. Smith is a member of the Congregational church. In politics he favors the Republican party. He was Selectman of Londonderry for two years, has served as Supervisor of check lists for several years, and for a quarter of a century he has been a Justice of the Peace. Public-spirited to a commendable degree, he takes an earnest interest in town improvements. He is a charter member of Londonderry Grange.

HORACE B. JOHNSON, a skilled and practical clock and watch repairer, residing near Windham Depot, was born in Windham, N.H., January 8, 1842, son of Jonathan B. and Eliza A. (Steele) Johnson. His father was a native of Andover, Mass., and his mother of Rockingham County, New Hampshire. Jonathan B. Johnson, who was born in 1811, grew to manhood in his native State. He learned carpentry, and worked as a ship carpenter for a time in the Charlestown navy yard. Soon after attaining his majority, he settled in Windham, N.H., where he found work at farming in the

summer time, and prepared ship timber in the winter. After residing here for a number of years, he removed to Salem, this county, where he died in 1860. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, and for a number of years he served as Constable of Windham. His wife, Eliza A. Steele Johnson, bore him a son and daughter — Horace B. and Eliza E., the last-named being now deceased.

Until reaching the age of fourteen, Horace B. Johnson lived with his parents on their farm in Windham. He received a district-school education, and on leaving home learned shoemaking, which he followed continuously until twenty-eight years old. For the last twenty-five years or more he has given his attention to clock and watch repairing, and in addition to this has devoted some time to agriculture, owning about thirty acres of good farming land. He married Miss Anna M. Estey, a daughter of Richard Estey, of Windham; and they have one daughter, Carrie W.

Mr. Johnson is a public-spirited citizen, and possesses in large measure the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as Supervisor of the check list. He was also Chairman of the first Board of Supervisors elected under the present school law; and under the old law he had served on the Prudential Committee of Windham. He also rendered very efficient service as a Surveyor of Highways in the Seventh District of Windham. He was formerly identified with St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Derry, N.H.

CHRISTOPHER SMART, a wholesale and retail provision dealer of Portsmouth, is a native of this town, born February 21, 1856, and comes of pioneer stock. His grandfather, Richard D. Smart, who was a resident of this place for many years, during the War of 1812 commanded the brig "Nancy," the first privateer to sail out of Portsmouth, and the first to capture a prize. The money brought to Captain Smart by this capture was subsequently used to build the house now owned by his grandson, Christopher. He married Mary La Rose, of Ninche, France, who bore him three children — Richard, George J., and Elizabeth. While still a young man, he was lost at sea. His widow, who survived him many years, died in 1878, at the advanced age of ninety-five. He was a member of the Masonic Order.

George J. Smart, the father of Christopher, was a lifelong resident of this city, his birth occurring in 1804, and his death in the fall of 1878. He was engaged in the stone business for many years. At an earlier period he held the position of Constable. He was an old-fashioned Democrat in politics. For thirty-six years he was sexton of the Unitarian Church of this city, faithfully attending to his duties. His first wife, Mary E. (Stapies) Smart, previously of Eliot, Me., bore him seven children; and his second wife, previously Lydia Nutter, of Portsmouth, bore him an equal number.

Christopher Smart, who was the youngest of his father's children, obtained his education in the public schools of Portsmouth. At the age of eleven years he began earning his living in the hardware store of A. Q. Wendell & Son, with whom he remained three years, becoming somewhat familiar with the business. During the following seven years he was a clerk in the hardware establishment of John H. Bailey; and then for four years he was head clerk in the same place, under Pryor & Matthews, the successors of Mr. Bailey. Mr. Smart resigned his position with Pryor & Matthews in order to engage in business for himself. Starting in the provision trade in a modest way, he ran a cart for two years, during which he acquired so large a trade that he felt warranted in starting his present store at 4 Pleasant Street. On opening his market, Mr. Smart employed but two men. He is now obliged to keep four men to meet the demands of his business. He has also been compelled to replace his first refrigerator, capable of holding two beeves, with one that holds twenty-five carcasses, and to enlarge his premises by the addition of one room twenty-five feet in length, and another for cold storage, eighteen by thirty-nine feet. His wholesale as well as his retail business is quite large.

In November, 1889, Mr. Smart was married to Miss Bertha, daughter of Samuel and Jane Rand, of North Hampton, this county, and has

now a daughter and a son, respectively named Beatrice and Christopher. Though often urged, Mr. Smart has steadily declined to become a candidate for the Aldermanship of his ward. He has always been an active worker in behalf of the Masonic Order in Portsmouth. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; of Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; and is a Scottish Rite Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree. He has also membership in Piscataquis Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and in Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH N. CILLEY, of Nottingham, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, February 15, 1834, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Williams) Cilley. The first representative of the family in this county was Captain Joseph Cilley, who settled upon a large tract of land in Nottingham in 1727, and there cleared a farm, which he cultivated for the rest of his life. His son, Joseph, Mr. Cilley's great-grandfather, a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary army, afterward promoted to the rank of General, was among the early farmers of this town. His son, Major Greenleaf, Mr. Cilley's grandfather, was a native and lifelong resident of Nottingham. He engaged in farming, and also conducted a mercantile business for a short time. He died when he was forty years old. In politics he was a supporter of the Whig party, by which he was elected to various town offices; and he served as Deputy Sheriff for many years. He married Jennie Nealley, of this town; and, of his family of seven children, Colonel Joseph, Mr. Cilley's father, was the second-born. Both parents were Universalists in their religious belief. The mother lived to be ninety-three years old.

Colonel Joseph Cilley was born in Nottingham, January 4, 1791. He resided with his parents until he was twenty-one years old, when he enlisted in the Eleventh Regiment, United States Infantry. He was subsequently transferred to the Twenty-first Regiment, and he served through the War of 1812. After his discharge from the army he returned to the homestead, where he devoted his attention to farming throughout the rest of his active period. He was a man of unusual ability. He took a leading part in the Abolitionist movement, and was elected to the United States Senate, where he served for one term. His death occurred at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. His wife, Elizabeth, whom he married December 15, 1824, was a daughter of Nathaniel Williams, of Nottingham. She became the mother of nine children, three of whom are living, namely: Martha A., who is now Mrs. Downs, of Derry, N.H., and has one son, Joseph C.; Victoria, the wife of Thomas B. Bartlett, of Nottingham, having six children — Nathaniel C., Annie E., Joseph B., Mary Victoria, Jennie N., and Benjamin T.; and Joseph N., the subject of this sketch. The mother died at the age of forty years. She was a member of the Congregational church, and the father was a Universalist in his religious belief.

Joseph N. Cilley acquired his education in the schools of Nottingham, South Berwick, Me., Pembroke, New Hampton, and New London, N.H. When his studies were completed, he began to read law in the office of Daniel M. Christie, of Dover, N.H., with whom he remained for two years. He continued his law studies with G. C. Bartlett, of Derry, N.H. Two years later he returned to his native town, where he has since devoted his energies to the management of the home farm. At first a Director of the New Market National Bank, he was elected its President in 1892.

On August 19, 1874, Mr. Cilley was united in marriage to Mary L. Butler, daughter of James H. and Mary (Dearborn) Butler, of Sanbornton, N.H. Mrs. Cilley is the mother of two children, as follows: Elizabeth W., who was born June 28, 1875; and Joseph, who was born November 21, 1878. Both parents are members of the Universalist church.

Politically, Mr. Cilley is a Republican, and is a leading spirit in public affairs. He has held various offices in the town, and was legislative Representative from this district for two terms. His fellow-townsmen regard him with

sincere respect. He is connected with St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Derry, N.H.

JOSHUA W. NEAL, a prominent general farmer of South New Market, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, May 22, 1816, son of Eliphalet and Abigail (Colcord) Neal. The founder of the family was Captain Walter Neal, who settled in Portsmouth in 1630; and the first ancestor to settle in South New Market was his great-grandson, Walter Neal. He became a very prosperous farmer, owned much real estate, and reared a large family of children. He died in this town at an advanced age.

Eliphalet Neal was born in South New Market, and was a lifelong resident of this town. He resided upon a portion of the ancestral estate, tilling the soil with unusual vigor and success until his death, which occurred at a good old age. He was highly respected for his intellectual ability, and was for many years a prominent figure in local public affairs. He married Abigail, daughter of Gideon and Mary (Moore) Colcord, and a native of South New Market. She reared two children, namely: Joshua W., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Lydia Ann Wiggin, of Exeter.

Joshua W. Neal acquired his education in the district school and at the academy of South New Market. Since he came of age he has been engaged in agriculture in this town. He owns fifty acres of land, which is well located and in a good state of cultivation. Now an octogenarian, he still possesses the activity of a much younger man. In politics he is a Republican. He has served for one term as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he ably represented this district in the State legislature during the session of 1865. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and with Mrs. Neal was a member of that church.

In 1843 Mr. Neal wedded Frances R. Colcord, who was born in this town in June, 1815, daughter of Joseph and Sally (Jenness) Colcord. Her father was a well-known farmer and a lifelong resident of South New Market, and her mother was a native of Rye. Mrs. Neal died February 12, 1888, leaving two sons, namely: George R., born May 25, 1844, a book-keeper in Minneapolis, Minn., who married Addie C. Bird, and has one daughter, Edith F. B.; and Frank C., born October 26, 1856, a graduate of Comer's Commercial College in Boston, and a book-keeper and a highly esteemed resident of his town, who married Lizzie Mann, and has two children — Mabel F. and Lester R.

MILTON G. WOODBURY, the popular Postmaster of Salem Depot, is a native of Salem, Rockingham County, N.H. He was born December 31, 1844, a son of Israel and Eliza J. (Graham) Woodbury. His paternal grandfather, who likewise bore the name of Israel, was one of the brave patriots who fought for our country's independence in the struggle with Great Britain. In the early days of Salem he was one of her most prominent citizens, serving as a Representative, also as Selectman and Clerk, and in minor offices. Israel Woodbury, Jr., who was a lifelong resident of Salem was also the recipient of official honors, and served as Selectman. He was a Democrat in political views. His wife, Eliza J. Graham Woodbury, was a native of Methuen, Mass. Four of their children are living, namely: Levi, the proprietor of St. James Hotel, Washington, D.C.; Charles, also a resident of Washington; Milton G.; and Abbie C., the wife of P. C. Foster. The father was a communicant of the Baptist church. His widow, who survives him, is in her eighty-sixth year, but still enjoys a remarkable degree of health and mental vigor. She is living at Salem Depot with her son.

Milton G. Woodbury was educated in the public schools of Salem. He remained with his parents on the home farm until twenty-nine years old, at which time he went to work in a shoe factory in Methuen, Mass. After spending three years there, he came to Salem Depot, and entered the employ of P. C. Hall, a shoe manufacturer, with whom he remained several years, subsequently becoming a foreman in the stock room of F. P. Woodbury & Co.'s shoe

manufactory. It was while with the last-named firm, for whom he had worked a number of years, that he received his appointment as Postmaster of Salem Depot; and since that time, May, 1893, he has conducted the office in a manner most satisfactory to its patrons. He represented the town in the State legislature during the sessions of 1887–88 and 1889–90. He has always been a stanch Democrat, having been reared to that political faith, and is a valued member of this community.

JOHN E. LOCKE, the well-known wharfinger of Portsmouth, N.H., was born in Rye, Rockingham County, on August 25, 1835. His parents were Elvin and Louisa (Berry) Locke. The paternal ancestors were among the first inhabitants of Rye, having come from there as early as 1696, two centuries ago. John Locke, the grandfather of John E., was a native of Rye, and there pursued farming during his life. He and his wife had eight children, of whom Elvin, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the youngest. He also followed agricultural pursuits all his life, dying there at the age of seventy-five. His wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Berry, was a daughter of Joseph Berry, of Rye. Her mother lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Locke had eight children, history repeating itself in the number of family representatives.

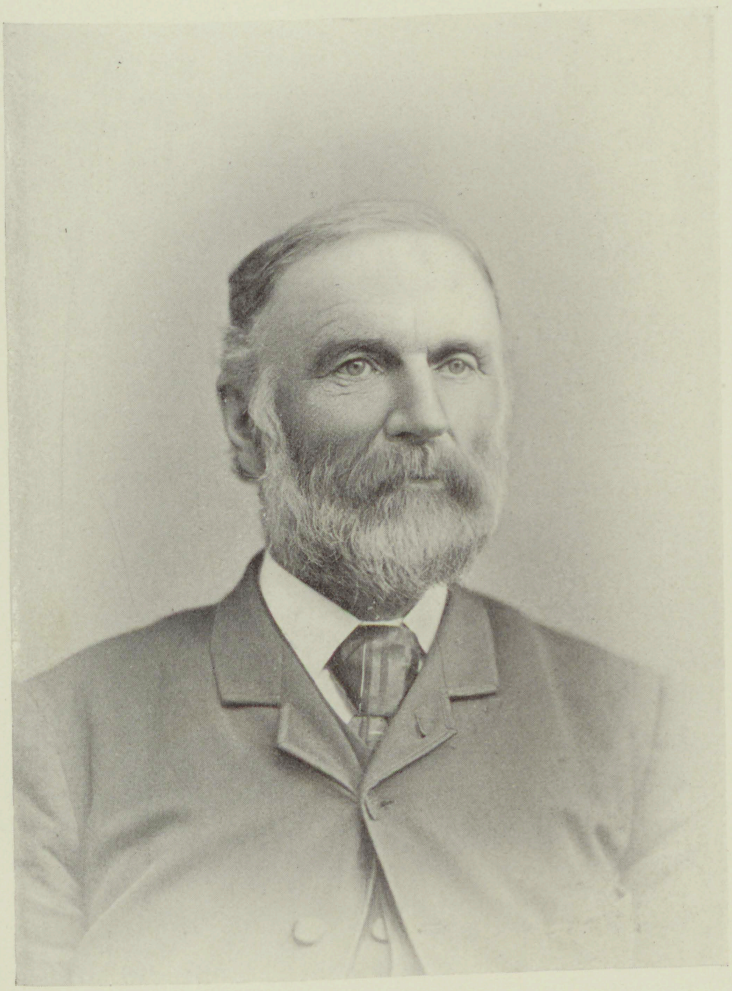
John E. Locke was the eldest child of his parents. After receiving a common-school education, he left home at the age of fourteen, and went to work on William Berry's farm in Newington, remaining there five years. Later he was employed on Mr. Pickering's farm in the same town for one year, after which he went into the navy yard, entering the ordinary department in 1856 and serving one year. He was engaged the following year with Mr. Pierce, and then returned to the navy yard, continuing there for three years, leaving in 1861. In 1864 he became hoisting engineer for the Concord Railroad, and that position he acceptably filled for ten years. The appointment of wharfinger he has now held for twenty-two consecutive years, having received it in 1874. He superintends the wharves, and also has supervision of from fifty to one hundred men.

In politics Mr. Locke is a Democrat, and has been prominent in office, having served as Alderman from Ward 1 for three years, and also as Representative to the State legislature for two terms. In 1886 he was sent as delegate to the State Constitutional Convention. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and the Piscataquis Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Locke has been twice married. He and his first wife, with whom he was united in 1862, had five children, three of whom are now living. The mother died in 1877. His second wife was formerly Miss Hayes. Her father was Ichabod Hayes, of Milton, N.H. Capable and efficient, whether as farmer, naval officer, wharfinger, alderman, or legislator, the subject of this sketch may be said to have filled each and all of his positions with an understanding worthy the name of John Locke.

HON. MATTHEW H. TAYLOR, one of the substantial residents of Salem, was born in Derry, N.H., November 29, 1829, son of Matthew and Louisa (Paul) Taylor, both natives of Derry. He is a direct descendant of Matthew Taylor, who emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1722, and on his arrival in America settled in what is now known as Derry, then Londonderry, N.H. From him the descent comes through William, Adam, and Matthew to Matthew H.

Matthew H. Taylor remained in Derry until 1846, when he came with his parents to Salem, and here grew to man's estate. He acquired the fundamentals of an education in the public schools; but it was in active business life, under the rigorous discipline of experience, that his education was completed. When about twenty-five years of age, he embarked in a mercantile business at North Salem. After carrying that on for several years, he went, in company with Charles Austin, forming the firm of Austin & Taylor, into the manufacture of flannels at the same place; and they successfully conducted it for



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ten years. Mr. Taylor then withdrew, and for a number of years thereafter engaged in the wood and lumber business. In September, 1884, in Lawrence, Mass., he started a grocery and provision store with three of his sons, under the style of Taylor & Co. This venture prospered, and is still carried on at 57, 59, and 61 Broadway. The firm do both a wholesale and retail business, and have a well-established reputation for upright and honorable dealing. Mr. Taylor, who now resides in Salem, leaves the business in the direct charge of his sons.

Mr. Taylor married Miss Ellen Taylor, daughter of John Taylor, late of Salem. The union has been blessed by the birth of twelve children; namely, Ellen L., John H., Thomas M., Mary A., Charles M., George W., Henry P., Cora A., Laura E., Eva B., Effie G., and Fred L. Ellen L. is the wife of Levi W. Taylor, and Mary A. is the wife of John Crosby. Mr. Taylor has filled many positions of public trust and responsibility. He served four terms as Selectman, during two of which he was Chairman of the board. He represented the town in the State legislature of 1867–68 and of 1878–79. In 1871 and 1872 he served as State Senator from the Second District for fifteen years, and was Town Moderator under the old statute. During the past eleven years he has been a member of the School Board, and for four years Chairman of the board. In politics he has always been a strong Republican. Since 1854 he has been identified with the Masonic Order at Haverhill, Mass.

LUCIAN H. NESMITH, an influential citizen of Londonderry, N.H., who has represented the town in the State legislature, and has been for years identified with its local government, was born in Londonderry, August 25, 1834. He is the son of Cyrus and Lydia (Huse) Nesmith, the former a native of Londonderry, the latter of Manchester, N.H.

The Nesmith family were among the very first settlers of Londonderry. The pioneer of the race, James Nesmith, who was appointed Elder of the West Parish Church in 1739, erecting a log cabin in the wilderness, clearing the land of heavy timber and underbrush, and working industriously to render the soil fit for cultivation. James Nesmith, second, son of Elder Nesmith, born in Ireland in August, 1718, was the great-grandfather of Lucian H. Nesmith. Robert Nesmith, son of James, second, married Jane Anderson, a grand-daughter of James Anderson, one of the first sixteen settlers of Londonderry. Their children were: Thomas, James (third), Cyrus, Betsey, and Martha. (For further particulars of the early Nesmiths, see other sketches in this volume.)

Cyrus Nesmith, third son of James and Jane (Anderson) Nesmith, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Londonderry, September 15, 1801, almost a century ago. He was one of the leading men of the place, active in local politics, and in the latter part of his life was a strong Republican. A lifelong resident of the town, he served efficiently on the Board of Selectmen, and represented the place in the State legislature. He died April 5, 1881. His wife, Mrs. Lydia Huse Nesmith, died October 14, 1876. She was born in Manchester, N.H., October 7, 1807, daughter of Abel and Joanna (Rowell) Huse. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier under General John Stark; and her mother was a niece of General Stark, and a descendant of Hannah Dustin, of the fourth generation. Two of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Nesmith died in infancy; and a third, Arvilla, wife of Washington Colby, died November 18, 1893. Lucian H. is the only survivor.

Lucian H. Nesmith obtained his first knowledge of books in the district school, and has since added to his mental acquirements by reading and observation. He has been engaged in general farming from early youth, and in this pursuit has been very successful. Mr. Nesmith was a charter member of Londonderry Grange, and has served as Treasurer of that body. He has been for twelve years agent for the Rockingham Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On May 23, 1877, he was married to Louise E., daughter of Simon and Harriet (Cheney) Mullins, of Londonderry. Mrs. Nesmith was born in Manchester, N.H., April 12, 1852.

She is a great-grand-daughter of Robert Mullins, an English sea captain, who settled in Haverhill, Mass. Her father, Simon Mullins, who was born in Manchester, N.H., is prominent among the Democrats of Londonderry; and, although the town is strongly Republican, he has several times served in town office. He has four children besides Mrs. Nesmith: Eugene E., a physician in Baldwinsville, Mass.; George M., a practising lawyer in Millard, Neb.; Ida M., wife of M. R. Dustin, in Melrose, Mass.; and Hattie P., wife of Daniel M. Boyd, in Londonderry. Louise E., Mrs. Nesmith, was six years old when her parents moved to Londonderry. She obtained her education in the public schools of this town and Pinkerton Academy, graduating from the academy in 1870. After finishing her studies, she taught until married, and was very successful, winning the respect and love of her pupils. Through her possession of a business and executive ability, the schools, churches, and industries of the town have received many benefits. Mr. and Mrs. Nesmith have one child, Cleon E.

Mr. Nesmith was two years in the State legislature as Representative from Londonderry. He was for several years Collector of the town, has served as Treasurer, as a member of the School Board, and as Supervisor of the check list. A representative citizen, he is widely known and respected, and is a worthy scion of a strong old family

FRANCIS D. ROWE, a well-to-do farmer and extensive lumber dealer of Candia, was born in this town, January 28, 1831, son of Moses and Sarah (Brown) Rowe. The first ancestor of the family to settle in Candia was Daniel Rowe, Mr. Rowe's great-great-grandfather, a native of Kensington, this county, and a noted schoolmaster of his day. It was he who bought the farm adjoining the property now occupied by C. R. Rowe. He lived to an advanced age, and reared a large family of children. His son, Jonathan, Mr. Rowe's grandfather, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, kept a general store in Candia for many years, at the same time carrying on farming to some extent. He supported the Whig party in politics, was highly respected, and died in this town at a good old age. He married a Miss Lovering, of Raymond, N.H.; and she became the mother of ten children, none of whom are living.

Moses Rowe was a native and lifelong resident of Candia. Succeeding to the homestead, he cultivated the farm successfully. He also engaged in the manufacturing of fish barrels, in which he had a prosperous business for several years. He was an industrious man, took no interest in public affairs beyond casting his vote, and died in 1866, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, a native of Candia, whose maiden name was Sarah Brown, reared a family of ten children, eight of whom are living. These are: Deacon Moses E., who is residing in Bedford, Mass.; Mary J., the wife of J. D. Guyer, of Boston; Dr. Hiram D., a resident of Brewster, Mass.; Francis D., the subject of this sketch; Charles R., who occupies the old homestead in Candia; Lorinda, the wife of Gilman K. Worthen, of Manchester; Lavinia T., the wife of Henry W. Rowe, of Boston; and Henrietta, the wife of Calvin A. Rowe, also of Boston. Mr. Rowe's parents attended the Congregational church.

Francis D. Rowe was educated in the common schools of Candia. For several years after completing his studies he was employed at a shoe manufactory in Deerfield, N.H. Some thirty years ago he bought his present farm in Candia, to which he has added more land, now owning one hundred and fifty acres, divided into tillage, pasture and woodland. He has made various improvements upon the property, in the way of enlarging and remodelling the buildings and increasing the fertility of the soil. He raises large and superior crops, including thirty-five tons of hay annually, which is double the amount formerly produced, and makes a specialty of dealing in milk, handling the product of fifteen cows. He has utilized a constantly flowing spring, located upon high ground about fifty rods from his buildings, and by laying a line of pipe has a never-failing supply of pure water. As there is a good pressure, he has connected a line of

hose to be used in case of fire. In politics he votes with the Republican party. He has served three years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, a part of which time he was Chairman of that body. He has also acted as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

In 1857 Mr. Rowe wedded Sarah Smith, a native of Deerfield. She died, leaving three children, as follows: Ellen E., who resides in Boston; Fred E., who resides in the State of Washington, and is now serving as Deputy Sheriff; and Edward L., a merchant in Candia Village. The father entered a second marriage in 1880, contracted with Victoria M. Cooke, of Lynn, Mass., a daughter of the Rev. B. Cooke, now deceased.

Mr. Rowe is connected with Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; the Order of the Eastern Star, Adah Chapter, No. 9; and has been Steward of Candia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of the Congregational church, and Treasurer of the society.

Edward L., youngest son of Francis D. Rowe, was born in Candia, July 21, 1867, and acquired a good practical education in the common schools. He was engaged in farming with his father until 1895, when he formed a copartnership with John H. Foster, and continued the general mercantile business formerly conducted by W. J. Dudley in Candia Village. The firm of Foster & Rowe carry a full line of groceries, grain, feed, dry-goods, patent medicines, and the like, and has already built up a large business. Edward L. is developing business ability of more than ordinary degree. His well-known character as a conscientious and upright citizen insures for him the confidence of the general public. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Congregational church.

JOHN P. ATWOOD, a well-known and widely respected citizen of North Salem, was born in this town on April 6, 1857, the son of Jeremiah C. and Mary (Adams) Atwood. His father was a native of the place, and his mother was born in Derry, N.H. His grandfather, John Atwood, was originally of Haverhill, Mass., but came to Salem, where he practically established a new branch of the family. Jeremiah C. Atwood devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture. He was very popular, and had a large acquaintance. He died in November, 1894, leaving two children, a son and a daughter. His wife had preceded him to the world beyond by many years, dying while her children yet needed a mother's care.

John P. Atwood was brought up and educated in Salem. After leaving school, he took to farming, in which branch of industry he has been quite successful.

He married Miss Etta J. Coburn, a daughter of Albertus Coburn, a well-known and wealthy resident of Salem; and he and his wife are the parents of two sons — Irving S. and Ernest P.

Mr. Atwood, like his father, is a Democrat in political belief. He is a charter member of the Salem Grange, and member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

CHARLES M. HOLMES, a lifelong resident of Londonderry, his native town, where he owns a handsome property of one hundred and thirty acres, was born April 10, 1820. He is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Anderson) Holmes, the former a native of Hillsborough, N.H., the latter of Londonderry. The Holmes family is of Scotch origin. Robert Holmes was reared to man's estate on a farm in Francestown, N.H., gathering strength from the genial sunlight and pure air of the New Hampshire hills. The years of his manhood were devoted to agricultural labor, at first in his native town, later in Londonderry, where he settled in 1812, his home being the farm now occupied by Charles M. His death occurred in 1840. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a well-known citizen in old Londonderry, and had many friends. Charles M. Holmes is the only survivor of the family. He had three brothers and one sister — Oliver A., Christopher G., Nathaniel W., and Mary J.

Charles M. Holmes was educated in a district school in Londonderry, where his most important acquirements were the means there

given him of acquiring knowledge. He has worked hard to attain his present prosperity, rising early and retiring late, performing conscientiously year after year the myriad duties of farm life, and is able now to rest from his labors, and enjoy their fruits in his old age.

On November 25, 1848, Mr. Holmes was married to Mary A. Batchelder, a native of Grafton County, born October 25, 1826. She is a daughter of Jonathan and Sallie (Tucker) Batchelder, both natives of the same place, and a grand-daughter of Mark Batchelder, who fought for American independence under Washington. She has two brothers living — Mark and Reuben Batchelder, both in Hudson, N.H. By her Mr. Holmes became the father of two children, now deceased; namely, Mary J. and Christopher N. In politics he is a stanch Republican. Now seventy-six years old, he is as keenly alive to the interests of his native town as ever, and is as ready to do what he can for the general good. Having made life's journey hand in hand with his estimable wife for nearly half a century, he attributes much of his success to her wise counsel and ever-ready help and sympathy.

CHARLES KIMBALL, a prominent and worthy citizen of Salem, was born in this town, April 18, 1822, a son of Joseph and Rebecca (Haselton) Kimball. Both his parents were natives of Salem. The Kimballs were among the pioneers of the town, their first progenitor to settle here taking up his abode in a log house. Oliver Kimball, the grandfather of Charles, fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War. Joseph Kimball was a lifelong resident of Salem, and died here April 28, 1867. He was an honored citizen, and served acceptably as Selectman.

Charles Kimball grew to manhood in this town, receiving a district-school education and assisting on his father's farm. After he started out in life for himself, he worked principally at farming, gardening, and lumbering; but for four years he was in the mercantile business at Salem Depot. His undertakings have brought good returns, and he is now possessed of a competence.

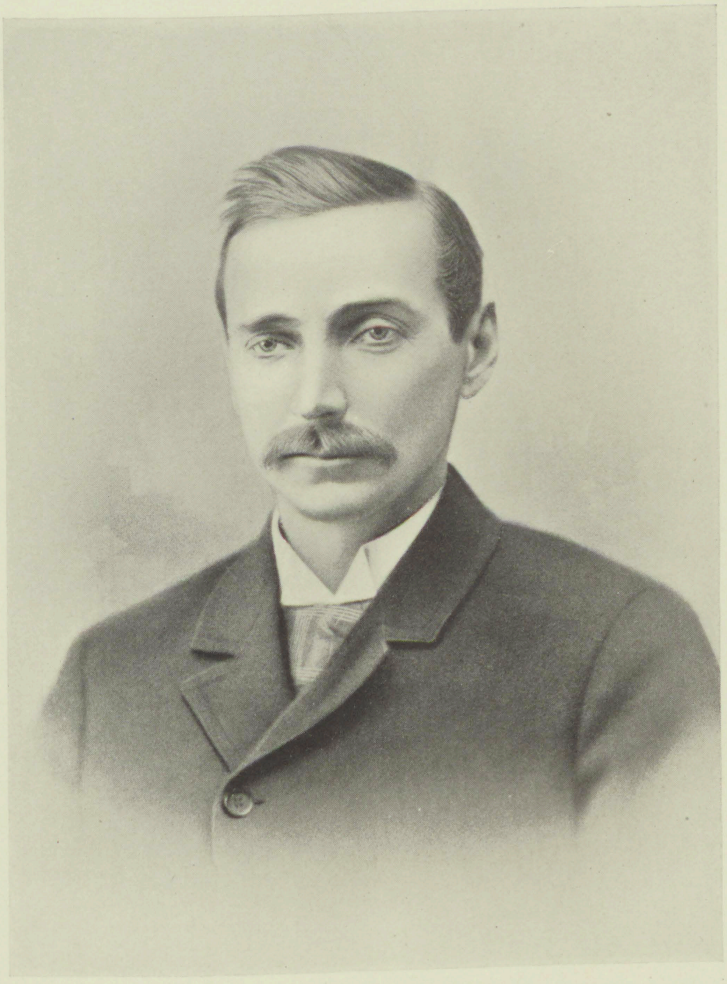
In politics Mr. Kimball is a Democrat, and in town affairs has been a leader of his party and the recipient of many official honors. For three years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and was its Chairman during his term of office. He served two terms as Town Treasurer, and represented Salem in the State legislature for one term.

Mr. Kimball was married August 1, 1844, to Miss Celenda J. Haselton, who was born in Salem, July 31, 1825, daughter of Silas and Lydia (Hall) Haselton. Her father is a native of Manchester, N.H., and her mother of Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have three children — Arolin F., wife of Walter G. Woodbury, of this town; Charles F., also a resident of Salem; and Nellie E. Both parents were esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which the father officiates as Steward and Trustee.

ALDEN F. SANBORN, one of the enterprising men of push and brain that are doing their full share toward advancing the prosperity of Rockingham County, was born August 20, 1855, in Fremont township, on the farm where he now resides.

This homestead has been in the possession of the Sanborn family for five generations, the original owner having been Mr. Sanborn's great-great-grandfather, Daniel Sanborn, who came here from Kensington. Settling in the wilderness, he reclaimed a farm, and here reared his family, which included Sherburn Sanborn, the great-grandfather of Alden F. Sherburn Sanborn was born on the parental homestead, January 10, 1756. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, taking an active part in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775. His son, Moses H. Sanborn, was the next in the line now being considered. He spent his life in agricultural pursuits on the Sanborn farm, which he partly cleared. He married Susan Brown, also a native of Fremont; and one of their sons was Alvah Sanborn, the father of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Alvah Sanborn succeeded to the ownership of the parental acres, and has always lived on



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the home farm, where his birth occurred December 21, 1823. He is now the owner of about six hundred acres of land, which he and his son manage together. He has continuously been engaged in the independent calling to which he was reared, and from year to year has made substantial progress in the improvement of his property, which is among the most desirable and valuable estates in this vicinity. He has also given much attention to the lumber business. On September 6, 1843, he married Miss Nancy Page, a native of Sandown, N.H. Of this union four children were born; namely, John P., Susan E., Alden F., and Eugene D.

John P. Sanborn married Isabella M. Higby, of New Hampton, N.H.; and they now reside in Newport, R.I., where he is a well-known and influential citizen, being the editor and proprietor of the Newport *Mercury*, one of the leading papers of the city. He is an active politician, strongly advocating the principles of the Republican party, and was at one time Speaker of the House of Representatives. Susan E. Sanborn died at the early age of thirteen years. Eugene D., of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this volume, married Lucy May Currier, and lives near the old homestead. The father is a stanch Republican in politics, and has filled various offices of the town, which he represented in 1874 and 1875 in the State legislature. Now that the frosts of seventy-two winters have whitened his hair, he has partly given up the active management of his farm to his son Alden; yet he still takes as keen an interest in town, State, and national affairs as in his younger days.

Alden F. Sanborn was educated in his native town and at the New Hampton Literary Institute, and from his youth up has been interested in farming pursuits. Having continued his residence on the old homestead, he is now carrying on business with his father, the two being among the most extensive landowners of this locality. They raise large annual crops of the agricultural productions common to the county, and keep a choice dairy, from which they sell the milk, this being an important branch of their industry. They likewise deal extensively in lumber.

Mr. Sanborn is prominent in public life, and one of the most zealous and influential members of the Republican party. He has been an incumbent of nearly all the offices of the town, being at the present time Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and a Representative to the State legislature, his term expiring in January, 1897. Socially, he is an active member of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Religiously, he and the entire family are members of the Free Baptist Church of Fremont Village.

Mr. Sanborn was married January 26, 1881, to Miss Luna A. Gove, who was born December 26, 1857, in Raymond township. Her father, Samuel B. Gove, was for many years engaged in teaching and farming in Raymond. He there married Mary A. Tilton, who died in 1860, having borne him four children, namely: Edwin H., who died on March 16, 1890; Bert E.; Sarah J.; and Luna A., now Mrs. Sanborn. Mr. Gove, after the death of his first wife, married Miss Mary E. McClure. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn have two children: Moses H., born September 17, 1883; and Edson D., born December 22, 1886.

VOLNEY H. MOODY, a well-known dry-goods merchant of Derry Depot, and the present Representative of his district in the New Hampshire legislature, was born, March 26, 1859, at Tunbridge, Vt. His father, Florentine D. Moody, is the son of a pioneer settler of Orange County, Vermont, where he has been engaged in general farming the larger part of his life. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary H. Crom, were born and reared in Vermont, and have always made their home in the Green Mountain State.

Volney H. Moody was educated in the common schools and high school of his native town and at the Royalton High School, where he completed his studies. On attaining his majority, he left the home farm, in order to find some more congenial occupation than tilling the soil. Coming to Derry Depot, he secured a position in the shoe manufactory of Colburn, Fuller & Co., with whom he remained several seasons. He then formed a copartnership with Mr. L. H. Pillsbury, and under the firm

name of L. H. Pillsbury & Co. carried on a substantial trade in general merchandise until 1890, in which year he established his present business. He carries a fine assortment of dry and fancy goods, his stock being one of the most complete in this section of the county. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, fair and square in his dealings, and genial and pleasant in his manners, striving to please each of his numerous patrons. He is a public-spirited citizen, true to the interests of his adopted town and county, and is a stanch member of the Republican party. For three years he served as Selectman of the town of Derry, being Chairman of the board two years; and since the fall of 1894 he has capably represented the town of Derry in the State legislature. Fraternally, he is a member of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., of Derry Village, and of Echo Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Derry Depot, having been through all the chairs of the latter order.

On September 3, 1885, Mr. Moody married Nancy J., daughter of John A. and the late Martha (Tenney) Gage, of Derry. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Moody has been blessed by the birth of one child, a boy, named Howard G. Moody.

LAIGHTON BROTHERS, Isles of Shoals.— This firm consists of Oscar and Cedric Laighton, who are well and favorably known to the summer guests at the Isles of Shoals as proprietors of two of the finest and most popular hotels on this coast, and as the brothers of Celia Thaxter, of beloved memory, poet and artist of the Shoals, for whose sake alone the islands would be held dear to the reading public. Their lives are of interest to many who may never have an opportunity to meet them. Oscar and Cedric Laighton were born in Portsmouth, N.H., the former June 30, 1839, the latter September 4, 1840. They are the sons of Thomas B. and Eliza (Rymes) Laighton. Thomas B. Laighton was also a native of Portsmouth, son of Mark Laighton. He was a man of some culture, and was for a while editor of the Portsmouth *Gazette*. In 1845 he removed to the Isles of Shoals, and took charge of the light-house, of which he was keeper some five years. In the mean time he purchased Appledore, and erected a hotel, which became famous as a summer resort. Opened to the public in 1848, it was successfully managed by the original proprietor until 1864. He died in 1866, in his sixty-seventh year. Mr. Thomas B. Laighton was a man of good executive ability and pleasing personality. While living in Portsmouth, he held many public offices of trust, including that of Postmaster. His wife, who was a native of Newington, N.H., died in 1877, at the age of seventy-three. She had but three children, namely: Celia, Mrs. Thaxter, obiit December 26, 1894; Oscar; and Cedric. Mrs. Thaxter, who was born in Portsmouth, June 29, 1836, was a child of nine years when her parents removed to the islands. One of her poems, "Watching," will not be out of place here, as it pictures the light-house-keeper returning from Portsmouth:—

In childhood's season fair,
On many a balmy, moonless summer night,
While wheeled the light-house arms of dark and bright
Far through the humid air,

How patient have I been,
Sitting alone, a happy little maid,
Watching to see, careless and unafraid,
My father's boat come in!

Close to the water's edge
Holding a tiny spark, that he might steer
(So dangerous the landing, far and near)
Safe past the ragged ledge.

I had no fears,— not one:
The wild, wide waste of water leagues around
Washed ceaselessly; there was no human sound,
And I was all alone. . . .

Yet it was joy to hear
From out the darkness sounds grow clear at last,
Of rattling rowlock and of creaking mast,
And voices drawing near.

"Is't thou, dear father? Say!"
What well-known shout resounded in reply,
As loomed the tall sail, smitten suddenly
With the great light-house ray.

I will be patient now,
Dear heavenly Father, waiting here for thee:
I know the darkness holds thee. Shall I be
Afraid when it is thou? . . .

The Laighton children were educated under private tutelage at the Shoals. Oscar and Cedric, as soon as old enough, began to assist their father in his business, and after his death were fully competent to carry it on. Succeeding to the ownership of Appledore Island, they enlarged the hotel, which now has a capacity of five hundred guests, and purchased the Oceanic on Star Island, which has accommodations for three hundred and fifty persons. To the popularity and good management of the Laighton Brothers, no less than to the unique surroundings and the charm of propinquity to a light-house, the success of these two large establishments is due.

Cedric Laighton was married in 1881 to Miss Julia Stowell, of New York City, and has three children — Ruth, Margaret, and Barbara. Oscar Laighton is unmarried. The brothers are Unitarians in religious belief. Cedric has a residence in Portsmouth, and Oscar lives on Appledore, even during the severity of the winter season, when, as his sister, Mrs. Thaxter, wrote,—

Through the wide sky (God's) north wind's thunder roars
Resistless, till no cloud is left to flee,
And down the clear, cold heaven unhindered pours
(His) awful moonlight on the winter sea.

HON. LEONARD ALLISON MORRISON, a direct descendant of one of the original families of Londonderry, N.H., was born in Windham, February 21, 1843. The line of descent is: (1) John Morison, who with his family endured the hardships and perils of the famous siege of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1688–89. He came to Nutfield, N.H., about 1720, with early settlers, owned the farm in Derry Dock now owned by Charles Day, and died there in 1736, at the reputed age of one hundred and eight years. His son was Charter James Morison (2), who preceded him to Londonderry, coming in 1719, and who owned the farm now owned by William O. Noyes in East Derry, and died there.

The son of James Morison (2) and the founder of the Windham family was Lieutenant Samuel Morison (3), who lived where his great-grandson, Albert A. Morrison (6), now resides in Windham range. Deacon Samuel Morison (4) was the son of the Lieutenant, and lived on the bordering farm. He was the father of Jeremiah Morrison (5), who married Eleanor Reed Kimball, of Bradford, Mass.; and they were the parents of Leonard Allison Morrison (6), who lives upon the homestead. He was educated at the academy at Gowanda, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., and in the seminary now at Tilton, N.H. Always a great lover of books, history became his favorite study.

Mr. Morrison takes a strong interest in the public affairs of his town. He served as Selectman in 1871–72, and in those years became a Trustee, and aided in the establishment of the Nesmith Free Public Library, which contains over three thousand volumes. He presided as Moderator at the annual town meetings for fifteen years, has been a Justice of the Peace since 1869, was an enumerator of the Tenth United States Census in 1880, and was one of the County Auditors in 1885–87. He was a member of the Republican State Committee in 1880–82; of the House of Representatives in 1885–87, being Chairman of the Committee on Education, and successfully piloting through the house the bill establishing the town system of schools. In 1887–89 he served the Londonderry district in the State Senate, where he was Chairman of the Committee on Education, and was also a member of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, Agriculture, State Prison, and Industrial School.

Since 1861 Mr. Morrison has been a contributor to the newspapers and magazines. His time since and including 1878 has been largely devoted to literary work. He is the author of the "History of the Morison or Morrison Family," an octavo volume of four hundred and seventy pages, published in 1880, which was favorably received by the members of the family and the historical community; and the large edition was soon exhausted. In 1880 he commenced the preparation of the "History of Windham in New Hampshire," upon which he spent three years of unceasing labor. The work was published in 1883, and takes a high rank among town histories. He also wrote a condensed history of Windham for the "History of Rockingham and Strafford

Counties." In 1884 he spent several months in Europe in historical research and travel, visiting the Scotch settlements in Ireland, consulting many ancient records and libraries, and making the acquaintance of many distinguished persons in different parts of Great Britain.

As a result of these travels and researches his "Rambler in Europe: in Ireland, Scotland, England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and France; with Historic Facts relating to Scotch-American Families gathered in Scotland and the North of Ireland," was published in 1887. He again visited Europe for historical purposes in 1889, travelling extensively in Wales, England, Ireland, and Scotland, in Normandy, France, Switzerland, and Italy, and in 1891 was published his "Among the Scotch-Irish; and through Seven Countries." He wrote a "Supplement to the History of Windham in New Hampshire" (1892); prepared "The History and Proceedings of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of Windham in New Hampshire, held June 9, 1892." He is the author of "Lineage and Biographies of the Norris Family" (1892), "History of the Alison or Allison Family in Europe and America" (1893), "Descendants of Daniel Morrison, of Newbury, Mass., who appeared in Haverhill, Mass., Stratham, Epping, Candia, and Sanbornton, N.H.; published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register" (October, 1894). His "History of the Sinclair Family in Europe and America," five hundred and eighteen pages, with engravings, was published in 1896. He is joint author with Professor S. P. Sharples, of Cambridge, Mass., of the "History of the Kimball Family in England and America," published in 1896.

Mr. Morrison's literary and historical work has completely absorbed his mind, and he has engaged in it with great enthusiasm and delight. In recognition of his valuable services to education, history, and genealogy, Dartmouth College conferred upon him in 1884 the degree of M.A. He was made a life member of the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1893, and is Vice-President for New Hampshire of the Scotch-Irish Society of America, having been elected in 1894 in place of the Hon. James W. Patterson, deceased, and re-elected in 1895. Mr. Morrison is unmarried. His home is in Windham (post-office, Canobie Lake), N.H. (The above is taken substantially from the "Book of Nutfield," by George F. Willey.)

SAMUEL GILCREAST, Postmaster of North Londonderry, was born here, November 7, 1822, son of David and Sallie (Davis) Gilcreast. His father was a native of Dracut, Mass., and his mother of Londonderry, Vt. David Gilcreast, who was a blacksmith by trade, settled in what is now the town of Derry, N.H., when about twenty-three years of age. He worked at his trade for a while there, and then removed to Londonderry, establishing his home near the old Presbyterian church. Here for a number of years he was prosperously engaged in general farming. At one time he owned a large amount of land, and was then regarded as one of the wealthiest men in Londonderry. With but a strong constitution and a resolute will for his capital on beginning life, he was undoubtedly a self-made man. A stanch Jeffersonian Democrat, he was a leader in local politics, and served as Selectman of the town. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian.

Samuel Gilcreast was reared to man's estate on his father's farm in Londonderry, receiving his rudimentary education in the public schools, finishing it at Pinkerton and Pembroke academies. For twenty-five years he worked at farming in the summer season, teaching school in the winter. Excepting one term, he followed the latter as well as the former occupation in his native town, where he established a reputation that gave him rank among the best teachers of the district. He was also successful at farming. Mr. Gilcreast has for many years been prominently identified with the interests of the Democratic party, who have nominated him for every office within the town's gift; but, owing to adverse majorities, he has not been often elected. Under the old statute he was superintendent of schools in Londonderry, and under the present law he has been a member of the School Board. He

is a warm friend of popular education, of whose faults and merits his experience as a teacher has given him a clear understanding. He is also Postmaster of North Londonderry, having received the appointment in April of 1894. Mr. Gilcreast, who has a fondness for the art, has given much time to the cultivation of vocal and instrumental music. He played in the orchestra of a chorus choir, maintained by a Presbyterian society, when he was but fifteen years old. He subsequently played or sung there for forty years, serving as chorister during the last fifteen or twenty years. For the last eighteen years he has labored in a Union Society at North Londonderry.

Mr. Gilcreast was married November 27, 1845, to Nancy, daughter of Captain Benjamin Proctor, of Derry, N.H. Four children have since been born to them. These were: Mina A., deceased; Ella A., the wife of Charles O. Huse, of Derry Depot; Flora E., the wife of Eugene O. Greeley, of Lynn, Mass.; and Elwin A., also deceased. The parents happily celebrated their golden wedding November 27, 1895. They are now enjoying the rewards of a life spent in usefulness and well-doing, having the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

WALLACE W. COLE, one of the town fathers of Salem, who is in business as a retail meat merchant, was born in Boxford, Mass., November 19, 1855. He is a son of Ephraim F. and Sarah (Spofford) Cole, the former a native of Boxford, Mass., and the latter of Chester, N.H. The Coles are one of the old families of Boxford. Ephraim F. Cole dwelt during his lifetime in the house where he was born, chiefly occupied in agricultural labor. Of his children, six are living, namely: George S., residing in Andover, Mass.; Jennie, the wife of M. T. Wadlin, of North Andover; Arthur E., living in Orono, Me.; Joseph F., also residing in Andover; Wallace W., the subject of this sketch; and Roscoe K., residing in Andover. The others, William, John F., and Charles W., are deceased. John F. and Charles W., who were members of the Thirty-fifth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, lost their lives in the Civil War.

Wallace W. Cole received his early education in the schools of his native town, remaining on the home farm until eighteen years of age. He then obtained employment in a carriage manufactory in Amesbury, Mass., where he remained a short time. Subsequently he was engaged for five years in carpenter work in Andover. In 1876 he came to Salem, and worked as a journeyman carpenter for a year, after which he located permanently at his present home. In 1879 he engaged in the retail meat business, at first with Charles A. Dow as partner, under the firm name of Cole & Dow. Some time after Mr. Dow retired from the business, and Mr. Cole has been the sole proprietor since. He has a fine farm and a commodious and substantial residence, the whole making one of the pleasantest homes in the town. Mr. Cole is a member of Salem Grange.

He was married December 24, 1878, to Ida D. Colby, a native of Salem, and a daughter of William G. Colby, formerly of this town. She has six children — Mabel, Minnie F., Gertrude C., Clarence W., Edith L., and Eva M. Mr. Cole is one of the strong Republicans of the town, who rely on his sagacity to meet every emergency. He is now serving his fourth year as Selectman of Salem, having presided as Chairman of the board one year. He has also represented the town in the State legislature. Starting without capital, his only resources being a trade and a faculty for attaining his object, he has raised himself to the plane in which he now lives. Although handicapped at the outset by the lack of a more liberal education, his natural abilities make him the peer and often the superior of men who have had the best of mental training.

EDWARD E. KENT, a prosperous general merchant and the present Postmaster of Londonderry, has been a resident of this town since 1887, coming here from Lawrence, Mass., where he was born in September, 1863, a son of Elbridge L. and Diantha Kent. His mother died in 1879. His father is still living, being now engaged in mercantile pursuits in Lawrence, though formerly a baker. Edward E. Kent carries a

line of groceries, grain, flour, and other general supplies, in which he has a good trade. On June 8, 1893, he received his appointment as Postmaster, and in this position is proving himself a most capable and obliging official. He is a member of the Londonderry Grange.

Mr. Kent married Miss Angie B. Head, who is a daughter of Charles Head, of North Salem, N.H.

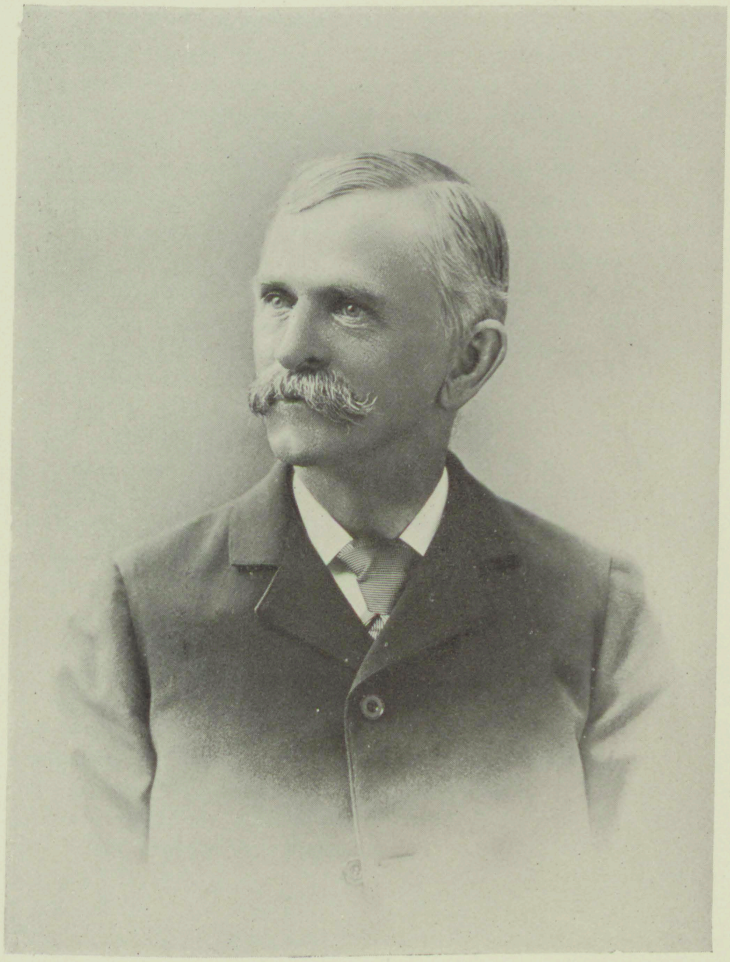
ALBERT E. SIMPSON, a well-known farmer of Windham, and the popular proprietor of Sycamore Grove on the shores of Corbett's Pond, was born here on Christmas Day, 1835, son of Samuel and Nancy M. (Hall) Simpson. The Simpson family were among the earliest settlers of the southern part of Windham. Robert Simpson, the grandfather of Albert E., followed farming in the town throughout his adult life. He and his wife, Mary, became the parents of quite a family of children. Their son, Samuel, worked as a mason in his early years in Methuen, Mass., where he resided for a long time. He then removed to Hudson, Hillsborough County, N.H., and there spent the remainder of his days, engaged in husbandry. He united in marriage with Miss Nancy M. Hall, a daughter of John Hall, who was a lifelong resident of Windham, and became the father of a son, Albert E. In national politics Mr. Simpson was identified with the Republican party. He passed away in 1888. His wife is still living.

Albert E. Simpson passed his youth at the home of his maternal grandfather, John Hall, receiving his education in the district schools. At the age of fifteen years he began to work for his living as a farm laborer in the vicinity, for which he was paid nine dollars a month with his board. He subsequently acquired a knowledge of ship-building, and worked at it intermittently in East Boston, Philadelphia, and Franklin, Me., for about ten years. He was next employed for a number of years by Messrs. S. Dockham & Co., a prominent building and contracting firm at Lawrence, Mass., in the capacity of superintendent of a department. During that period he supervised the construction of numerous important and extensive public and private works, including the Distributing Reservoir at Lowell, Mass. In 1875 Mr. Simpson returned to his native town and purchased the estate on which he has resided since. The property contains one hundred and twenty acres of land, a considerable portion of which is embraced in what is widely known as Sycamore Grove, a very pleasant and popular summer resort. It is thoroughly equipped for picnic parties, and is chiefly devoted to their use. Bordering upon a beautiful lake called Corbett's Pond, boats are constantly kept for rent. Its many natural and artificial advantages make it a very attractive spot.

On November 29, 1866, Mr. Simpson was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret Bordine, a native of New Brunswick, N.J. They have become the parents of six children, all but one of whom are still living; namely, Allettia V., Agnes T., Georgie P., Norman B., and Beulah B. Agnes T. is now the wife of P. J. Call, a resident of Windham. In politics Mr. Simpson is a Republican. He has for eight years served as Selectman of Windham, for one term of two years as Supervisor of the same town, and for five years as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, he being a member of the first board that has served in Windham under the present law. Mr. Simpson has also been a Justice of the Peace for some time. Few of Windham's public men have so wide a circle of acquaintances.

GEORGE F. PRIEST, a well-known coal dealer at Derry Depot, N.H., Rockingham County, and one of the most active and influential business men of this thriving village, was born at Weare, Hillsborough County, N.H., November 28, 1848, son of the Hon. James and Irena (Lock) Priest.

James Priest was born and reared in Massachusetts, but subsequently removed to New Hampshire, where he married Miss Lock. He lived for a time in the town of Weare, coming thence to Rockingham County early in the fifties. He soon became identified with the best interests of the county, and one year



GEORGE F. PRIEST.

represented the Londonderry district in the State legislature. Through his influence the post-offices at Wilson's Crossing, Windham, and at Derry Depot, were established, he being the first Postmaster in the latter place. For many years he was station agent on the Manchester & Lawrence Railway at Derry Depot, continuing his residence here until his demise in 1892. In politics he was a steadfast Democrat, and a most useful member of his party. Besides his son, George F., four daughters survive him, the following being their record: Lura is the wife of J. K. Wilson, of Manchester, N.H.; Lydia A. resides at Derry Depot; Ada P. married M. J. Young, of Haverhill, Mass.; and Lucy J. is the wife of N. B. Couch, of Chester, this State.

George F. Priest was but a boy when his parents removed to Derry Depot, where he was reared and educated. As soon as old enough he began learning the duties of a station agent, and on his father's resignation of that office he was appointed to succeed him. This railway, which is now a portion of the Boston & Maine system, was then known as the Manchester & Lawrence, as above mentioned. In 1888 Mr. Priest gave up his position in the employ of the railway company, and started the coal business, to which he has given careful and diligent attention, winning the confidence of the public, and has met with eminent success, having built up an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Priest was married October, 1874, to Mary E. Wyllie, a native of Ware, Mass. Two sons have been born to them; namely, J. Harry and George W. Mr. Priest is a stanch Democrat in politics, and for two years served faithfully as Selectman of the town of Derry, and for an equal length of time represented his district in the State legislature. He is active and prominent in social circles, belonging to the Masonic and Odd Fellows Orders of Derry Depot and to the Eastern Star Lodge.

DANIEL W. DALTON, a well-known and successful liveryman of Rye, was born here, May 21, 1849, son of Daniel and Martha (Brown) Dalton. The family is one of the oldest in the county, as its ancestral history covers more than two and a quarter centuries. The first Daltons in Eastern New England were two brothers, one being a clergyman, who came from England, and made a settlement at Hampton, N.H., about the year 1660. From that time to the present representatives of the family have resided in that part of the county. Mr. Dalton's great-grandfather, whose name was also Daniel, served the Colonial cause in the War of Independence. Daniel's son Michael was a fisherman; while he also owned and conducted a farm in the vicinity of Rye Beach. The dwelling which he occupied is still standing, and is known as the Dalton house. He and his wife became the parents of five children; namely, Michael, Louisa, Elvira, Joseph, and Daniel. All the sons have passed away. Louisa married a Mr. Leviett; and one of her children is now the wife of the Hon. Frank Jones, of Portsmouth, N.H.

Daniel Dalton was born in Rye, and educated in the public schools of that town. In the earlier part of his life he was engaged in general agriculture and fishing. Latterly he has conducted a boarding-house on Rye Beach for summer guests. He was united in marriage with Miss Martha Brown, by whom he became the father of two children — Daniel W. and Eliza A. The latter died at the age of twenty-one years and eight months. The father served the community as Selectman for a number of years. He was a member of the Christian Baptist church of the town. He departed this life at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife in her forty-seventh year.

Daniel W. Dalton was educated in the common schools and at the New Hampton Academy. Schooling ended, he established himself in the livery business at Rye, and has carried it on successfully since. For thirteen successive years he has also conveyed the mail from Rye Beach to North Hampton Depot. At the former place he keeps a boarding-house for seaside visitors. Mr. Dalton is likewise engaged quite extensively in the purchase and sale of horses. He is identified with the Mutual Relief Association of North Hampton. In national politics he is numbered among the ranks of the Independents. He deposited his first Presidential vote in 1872 for Horace Greeley.

OTIS B. FRENCH, who has successfully carried on general farming in Stratham since his early manhood, was born upon his present farm September 16, 1834, a son of David and Susan (Burley) French. Mr. French's father was born in Stratham in 1780. When a young man, he settled upon the farm where his son now resides, first buying thirty-three acres, and later increasing his property to seventy-three acres. He was a hard-working man, who never let slip a legitimate opportunity to improve his condition. His industrious life terminated in 1862, at the age of eighty-two years. He supported the Whig party in politics, and attended the Baptist church. For his first wife he married Clara Wiggin; and of several children born of this union four grew to maturity, and two are now living, namely: Martha J., now Mrs. Jonathan Locke, who is a resident of Rye; and Clara P. The others were: Stephen Frank, who died at the age of twenty; and David J., who died in 1887, aged sixty-seven years. David French wedded for his second wife Susan Burley, who was born in New Market; and she became the mother of two children, namely: Daniel, who was born in 1831, and died in 1860; and Otis B., the subject of this sketch. Mr. French's mother died in 1870, aged seventy-six years.

Otis B. French passed his boyhood and youth in attending school, and assisting his parents on the farm. He finally succeeded to the ownership of the property, and has since acquired more land, now owning about one hundred acres. He conducts general farming with good results, raising excellent crops of hay and grain, and has a well-equipped dairy. He manages his farm with care and good judgment, and by persevering activity and wise frugality has reached a position of easy independence.

On January 1, 1879, Mr. French was united in marriage to Mary E. Marston, who was born in Portsmouth, N.H., January 1, 1848. She is a daughter of James and Lucy (Dennett) Marston, both of whom were natives of Portsmouth, but moved to North Hampton in 1855, and there spent their remaining years, the father dying in 1891, at the age of seventy-two, and the mother in 1893, when eighty-two years old. They were the parents of five other children, all of whom are living, namely: Emily A., wife of S. A. Dow, of North Hampton; Harriet F., wife of J. Allan Fenwick, a merchant of Boston; George A.; Lucy E., wife of John N. Sanborn, of Hampton Falls; and Ella J. George A. and Ella J. reside on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. French have three children: Susie O., who was born October 30, 1882; Bessie M., born August 27, 1884; and Josephine M., born April 19, 1886. Two children (boys) died in infancy.

Mr. French is regarded by his fellow-townsmen as a worthy and reliable citizen. He has always taken an active interest in the progress of the town and the general welfare of the community. In politics he votes with the Republican party, and is liberal in his religious belief. Mrs. French is a member of the Congregational church, of which Mr. French is a regular attendant.

JACOB ALPHEUS NESMITH, one of the best-known residents of Windham, N.H., and a representative of a highly reputable family in this locality, was born in Windham, July 31, 1820, son of Colonel Jacob M. and Margaret (Dinsmoor) Nesmith.

The original ancestor of the family in America, of whom Mr. Nesmith is a descendant in the fifth generation, was Deacon James Nesmith, a native of the north of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, who came to this country a few years after his marriage, and in April, 1719, was one of the sixteen original settlers of Londonderry, N.H., then known as Nutfield, and including the present towns of Londonderry, Derry, and Windham. Deacon Nesmith's son Thomas married Annis Wilson, settled in Windham, and was the founder of this branch of the family. The old Nesmith farm in Windham is now occupied by Horace Berry.

John Nesmith, son of Thomas, and grandfather of Jacob Alpheus of this sketch, was for many years a Justice of the Peace in Windham. He kept a country store, did a good business, and was closely identified during his

active career with the growth and development of the town. John Nesmith died in the prime of manhood, at forty-four years of age. All of his children filled useful positions in life. Among his sons were: Colonel Thomas Nesmith, who did duty at Portsmouth during the War of 1812; and John Nesmith, who was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts on the ticket with the Hon. John A. Andrew, the noted War Governor of that Commonwealth. Colonel Jacob M. Nesmith, son of John, the first of the name, was born in Windham in 1786, and became one of the prosperous residents of the town. Although an exceedingly able man, he invariably declined to accept offices of public trust which were tendered to him by his fellow-townsmen, preferring to devote what leisure time he could to his home and family. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its formation. He served for several years as Colonel of the Eighth Regiment, Third Brigade, New Hampshire Volunteer Militia, of which he was one of the most valuable and conspicuous officers; and he was mainly instrumental in bringing the service up to the high standard of efficiency and perfection for which it was noted during his time. He was a great lover and an excellent judge of horses, a practical and progressive agriculturist, and, above all, a high-minded, conscientious, and patriotic citizen, who enjoyed the respect and esteem of a large number of friends and acquaintances throughout the county and State. His death, which took place in 1863, was the cause of general regret; and his memory is still cherished by the older residents of this town, who knew and appreciated his ability and true worth. Colonel Jacob M. Nesmith married Margaret Dinsmoor, daughter of Robert Dinsmoor, who was known in his day as the "Rustic Bard." Of the children born of this union, three are living, namely: Jacob A., the subject of this sketch; William E.; and Samuel M.

Jacob Alpheus Nesmith in his early years attended the district schools of his native town, and completed his studies with a short course at the Hancock Academy. He afterward spent some time in Lowell, Mass., and later for a number of years was successfully engaged in mercantile business in Chelmsford, Mass. He eventually returned to Windham, to take charge of the homestead farm, where he has passed the greater part of his life; and he has tilled the soil with industry and prosperity up to the present day.

Mr. Nesmith has been twice married. By his union with his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary A. Hughes, there were two children — Charles C. and Mary A., who are no longer living. His second wife was before marriage Elizabeth Ellen Smith, of Medford, Mass. She is the mother of one son, Jacob Arthur, who resides at home with his parents.

Jacob Arthur Nesmith is a young man well and favorably known in this locality. He is connected with the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, the Windham Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and other societies, among the members of which he is very popular.

In 1891 Mr. Nesmith attended the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of an independent military company called the National Highlanders, to which he belonged while residing in Lowell, Mass., in 1841. Of the company which originally contained ninety members, there are but twenty-two survivors, who are now living in different parts of the United States; and of these but ten were able to be present at the reunion. Mr. Nesmith is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife occupy a position of social prominence.

JOHN SCAMMON, son of James and Lydia V. Scammon, was born at Stratham, August 22, 1797, and was educated in the common schools of his native town and at Hampton Academy. After leaving school, he engaged in teaching, and was very successful in this calling. His commanding appearance and unusual physical strength made him much sought to take charge of schools that were considered difficult to manage. For the most of his life farming was nominally his occupation, though his attention was called to many other duties. He was an accomplished surveyor, and did more or less work at that business. Served as Ensign in the War of 1812, after the war was promoted to the rank of Captain in the militia, and was a popular and efficient officer.

In town affairs he bore a lifelong and prominent part and with distinguished success, bringing to this work a most thorough knowledge of town business in all its branches. He served as Moderator in 1834–38, 1840–49, 1851, 1852, and 1857; as School Committee in 1844, 1847, and 1849; was on the State ticket for Road Commissioner in 1847, 1848, and 1850; was Selectman in 1824, 1825, and 1826, and Chairman of the Board in 1834–38, 1841–47, 1849, and 1850; served as Representative in 1835, 1836, and 1837. Throughout his life he was an unswerving Democrat. His quick perception, intelligent judgment, and knowledge of political affairs made him a natural leader and counsellor in the community. Few men outside the profession had a more accurate and extensive knowledge of law than he. So well known and recognized were these qualifications that in 1853 he was promoted to the bench as Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Scammon discharged his duties on the bench with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public, and served until the constitution of the courts was changed. From every point of view his career was that of a well-balanced and successful man. He was successful as a teacher, successful as a farmer, successful on the bench and in all his various official positions, and successful as a man of character and influence in the community. He died while apparently in the full strength of manhood, March 19, 1863. His grave is in the Congregational churchyard. An extended account of the ancestors of the Scammon family, who were early settlers in Stratham, may be found in a sketch relative to the career of Colonel Richard M. Scammon, which appears in this work.

John J. Scammon, the only son of Judge Scammon, was born November 22, 1828, upon the homestead now occupied by him in Stratham. He began his education in the schools of his native town, and supplemented his elementary studies with a course at the Exeter and Hampton Academies. After teaching school for a time, he engaged in the meat and provision business, being located at one time in Exeter as a member of the firm of Mace & Scammon; but he finally gave his entire attention to farming. He owns one hundred and seventy-five acres of excellent tillage land, situated about two miles from Exeter, and has been a successful farmer, as the neat, commodious buildings and well-filled barns will attest.

Mr. Scammon married February 9, 1860, Rachel S. Jewell, who was born in Exeter, January 11, 1836, the daughter of David and Rachel (Leavitt) Jewell, members of the old and highly respected Jewell family. To Mr. and Mrs. Scammon have been born two children: Frank H., a provision dealer of this town; and John, now in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Frank H. Scammon was born June 15, 1861, married Josephine Pickering, of Greenland, and has three children — Helen R., Alice J., and Edwin H. The younger son, John Scammon, a resident of Newfields, was born September 30, 1865. He married Mamie Dixey, of Lynn, Mass., and has three children — Oscar J., John J., and Marianna.

In politics Mr. Scammon is a Democrat of the old school, and has served his townsmen faithfully in many trusted positions, having been very closely connected with the school department in various capacities for the past fifteen years; was also Deputy Sheriff eight years, and has served as Selectman. His career has been one of industry and toil. He has gained success by judiciously applying the resources at his command, and is still actively engaged in the duties of life.

ISAAC BLODGETT, for many years an esteemed and loyal citizen of the town of Londonderry, was a native of Litchfield, N.H., born May 26, 1807, son of Joshua and Sarah (Vickery) Blodgett, his father being a native of Litchfield, and his mother of Merrimac, N.H.

When three years old, Isaac Blodgett removed with his parents to Manchester, N.H., where his boyhood and early manhood were spent. He received a common-school education, and early became familiar with the routine duties of farm life. When a young man, he was employed for some time in a grist-mill; but during the greater part of his life he was

engaged in farming. The valuable estate on which he spent the closing years of his life, with its fine residence erected in 1893, is one of the most pleasant rural homes in Londonderry. By Mr. Blodgett's death, which occurred January 11, 1858, the town lost one of her most valued citizens, the community an honest, upright, Christian man and obliging neighbor, and his family a kind and loving husband and father. For a number of years previous to his death he had been in poor health. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and in political affiliation he was a Republican.

On May 4, 1843, Mr. Blodgett married Miss Bethiah Read, who was born in Westfield, Mass., December 20, 1818, a daughter of Joel and Joanna (Chandler) Read, and a descendant of one of the oldest families in that town. At seven years of age she lost her mother by death, and at eight went to live with the family of Benjamin Blodgett in Londonderry, N.H., where she grew to womanhood. Five children blessed her union with Isaac Blodgett: Ruth M. E.; Augusta W., the widow of Oliver D. Evans, residing in Exeter, N.H.; Celestia, deceased; Isaac J., deceased; and B. Izie. Mrs. Blodgett resides on the homestead, and is enjoying the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well-doing.

NATHAN HOYT, of Danville, who is spending the closing years of his long and useful life in retirement on his farm, was born November 27, 1819, in Sandown, this county, son of William Howard and Betsey (French) Hoyt. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Hoyt, born June 15, 1754, at West Amesbury, Mass., was one of the heroes of Bunker Hill. Ebenezer married Sarah Nichols, of Amesbury, who lived to the remarkable age of one hundred years. She bore him seven children; namely, Mehitabel, William Howard, Ebenezer, Daniel, Eliphalet, Joseph, and Moses.

William Howard Hoyt was born in Danville, whither his parents removed from their Massachusetts home in July, 1780. He married Betsey French, who was born in South Hampton, Rockingham County, November 5, 1783, a daughter of Ebenezer and Mrs. (Barnhard) French. After their marriage the parents located in Sandown, where the father owned a fine farm, which he skilfully managed, at the same time working at the mason's trade. A superior workman, he was often employed in neighboring towns, including Newburyport, Mass., where he built several blocks that are yet standing. He died in the prime of manhood, June 11, 1822, aged thirty-nine years, ten months, and twenty-seven days. His wife bore him six children, as follows: Sarah N., who married George Helson, both now deceased; William, also deceased, who married the late Harriet Hook; Mehitabel, the widow of the late John Wason, now living with her daughter in Derry, N.H.; Ebenezer, who successively married Mary Clark and Susan Hoyt, the latter now living in Sandown township, and died in 1895; Rhoda, who married Robert Sanborn, both now deceased; and Nathan, the subject of this sketch. The mother died January 20, 1871, aged eighty-six years.

Nathan Hoyt was but two years of age when his father died, leaving his mother with six small children. When eight years of age, he began earning his own living by working for farmers in Chester and Danville. However, he attended the district schools for about two months each winter. At the age of fourteen years he went to live with his brother in Danville, with whom he learned the cooper's trade, and remained four years. He worked at his trade during the succeeding twenty-five years, becoming a skilled workman, and making on an average, by hand and without help, five hundred fish barrels a year. He was also engaged in farming to some extent, having settled after his first marriage on his present farm, which was formerly owned by his father-in-law, Moody M. Hook. The estate contains one hundred acres of land, which he has brought into a high state of cultivation. The farm was one of the first settled in this locality; and on the spot now occupied by the present comfortable residence there formerly stood an old-time tavern, which was for a long time one of the landmarks of the county. In addition to farming Mr. Hoyt was for several years extensively engaged in lumbering, and

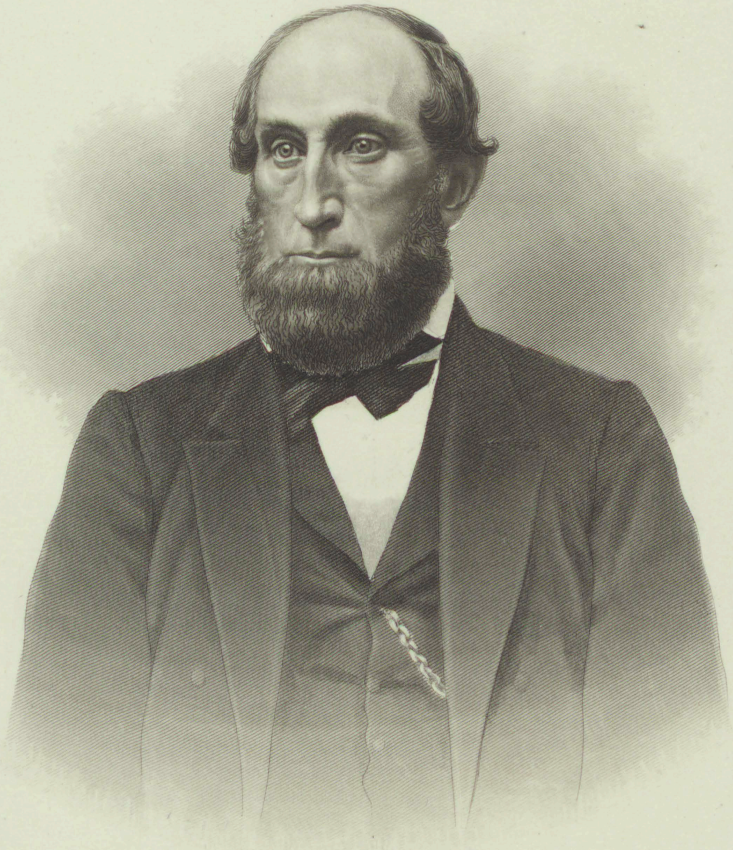
did a great deal of trading in cattle. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, being a prominent and influential member, and in his younger years served in various town offices, including that of Selectman. He is a typical representative of the self-made men of New England. Coming here when but a lad, with all of his worldly possession in his handkerchief, he has steadily climbed the ladder of prosperity.

On February 27, 1840, Mr. Hoyt married Sarah N. Hook, who was born on the homestead now occupied by Mr. Hoyt, December 24, 1819, a daughter of Moody and Sarah (Sawyer) Hook. She died July 25, 1879, leaving four children, as follows: Francis Moody, born March 29, 1842, who was married in November, 1866, to Eliza Meserve, and is now manufacturing shoes in Manchester, N.H.; Laura Ann, born October 14, 1847, who was married July 5, 1870, to Perley R. Currier, of Fremont; Lottie Elizabeth, born August 14, 1849, who was married July 19, 1874, to Samuel B. Gibson, of Fremont, where her death occurred January 1, 1842; and Annie Belle, born August 14, 1859, who was married May 22, 1880, to Alden M. Johnson, a shoemaker in South Danville. In 1893, November 30, Mr. Hoyt entered a second marriage, contracted with Mrs. Mary A. (Osgood) Morrill, who was born March 24, 1844, in Danville, a daughter of Jonathan and Hannah (Page) Osgood. Mr. Osgood, who was a native of Amesbury, came to Danville when a boy, and has since been engaged in farming in this town. He and his wife, who was born and reared here, are among the oldest residents of the town. Mrs. Hoyt is a member of the Free Baptist church.

GEORGE WEEKS, son of Deacon John and Mary (Coffin) Weeks, was a lifelong resident of Greenland, N.H., where he was born in 1810, and died in 1869. A worthy member of an old, influential, and much respected family of Rockingham County, he was a good citizen, holding various offices in the town, at the time of the Rebellion representing it in the legislature, where by vote and influence he did all in his power to uphold the government. Few men have sustained a higher character for usefulness, integrity, and fidelity in all the relations of public and private life. He married December 24, 1856, Caroline, daughter of Major John and Martha (Hoit) Avery. Her father settled in Greenland, N.H., in 1808, and for many years was here engaged in business as a general merchant and a farmer. He served efficiently in various civil offices of public trust, and was a Major in the First Regiment of the State militia, having received his commission from Governor Langdon. The Weeks homestead is now occupied by Mrs. Caroline A. Weeks, this estimable woman being the sole survivor of the once numerous household circle.

The family records have furnished the data for the following historical sketch: Tradition says that Leonard Weeks came from Wells, Somerset County, England. We know nothing of the father of Leonard nor of the time when Leonard landed in America. His name appears first as witness to a bond in York County, Maine, December 6, 1655, and next in Portsmouth records, June 29, 1656, when he received a grant of land in Portsmouth and Greenland. He received July 5, 1660, other grants of land; and in February, 1660–61, he had settled at Greenland, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1707. Some of these grants have never been deeded, remaining always in the family. Leonard Weeks married Mary, daughter of Deacon Samuel Haines, of Portsmouth, in 1667. They had six children.

Captain Joshua Weeks, the founder of this branch of the family, was the first of the name to make his residence at that part of the town called the Bayside. In 1690 or a little later he married Comfort, daughter of Richard and Mary Hubbard, of Boston, who lived where the store of C. F. Hovey is now located. Her nephew, Thomas Hubbard, was Treasurer of Harvard College for twenty-one years, holding the office at the time of his death. He was succeeded by John Hancock. His portrait by Copley hangs on the walls there with the portraits of other benefactors of the college. When Comfort Hubbard came to the Bayside the bride of Captain Joshua Weeks, it was a wilderness, and she but sixteen years



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of age. She was the mother of a large family of children. A silver tankard and silver cup, one of five originally used for handing round spiced wines at funerals, bearing the names of Richard and Mary Hubbard, grandparents of the Treasurer, Thomas Hubbard, are still at the homestead of the late George and Clement Weeks, in the possession of Mrs. George Weeks.

Major William Weeks, son of Joshua and Comfort (Hubbard) Weeks, married Eleanor March, daughter of Dr. Clement March, Sr., of Greenland, March 10, 1748. Mr. Weeks was one of the leading men in town, a large landholder at the Bayside, and did much to advance the best interests of the town. Dr. Belknap, the historian, resided in his family for a time as private instructor to his children. His two sons, William and Clement, graduated from Harvard; and one of his sons was in the army of the Revolution, holding the rank of Major. The daughters were sent to school in Boston. His wife, Eleanor March Weeks, possessed many excellent traits of character, which shone with distinguishing lustre in every relation of her life.

John, son of Major William and Eleanor (March) Weeks, was born April 1, 1757, and died April 11, 1821. For many years he was Deacon of the Congregational church and a Trustee of Hampton Academy. Benevolence, soundness of judgment and intellect, a strong interest in the cause of education and whatever would promote the best interests of the town, were among his many good traits. He married Mary Coffin, a descendant of the emigrant, Tristram Coffin, and also of the Hon. Nathaniel Weare, father of Meshec Weare, who, with the title of President, was the first Governor of the State, holding various important offices in the public service during a period of forty-five years. Mrs. Mary Coffin Weeks was born in 1775, and died in 1848. She was distinguished for many excellences of character, for intelligence, quickness of intellect combined with a gentle, refined dignity of manner that made her a charming friend and hostess, her abundant hospitality drawing to her home a large circle of admiring friends. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom died in infancy. The others were: George (named above), Ellen, Mary T., and J. Clement. Ellen Weeks was born in 1807, and died in 1825. She showed much ability and perseverance in her studies at the academy at Portsmouth.

Mary Thompson Weeks was born in 1813, and died February 16, 1883. She was a member of the Congregational Society, always taking an active interest in its welfare. Her to-days were spent in planning the good she would do on the morrow in alleviation of the needs and sufferings of humanity. Her beautiful countenance was ever lighted with hope and trust, expressive of the pure thoughts within. She was a devoted sister, kind neighbor, faithful friend; and it can truly be said of this lovely woman, "None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." Her good works, her numberless deeds of kindness, are left as models for those who will follow in her footsteps.

Joshua Clement Weeks was born in 1817, and died April 15, 1895. Belonging to a long line of noble ancestry, Mr. Weeks inherited many of the sterling qualities of mind and heart which were their distinguishing characteristics. Living until his decease in the house where he was born, cultivating the broad, expansive acres surrounding it, in the true enjoyment of the quiet home life of the intelligent New England farmer dispensing always a generous and graceful hospitality, his home became the cherished resort of a wide circle of devoted friends. Closely identified with the interests of his native town, holding at different periods some of its more important offices of trust, he was its true and faithful servant. He was also one of the most interested and liberal supporters of the Congregational church, where he was a constant attendant. On the farm which had been kept in the family name for five generations without deeding, in the homestead burial-place, the hallowed spot that for successive generations has received the mortal remains of the departed ancestors, amid the still seclusion of rural scenes under the brightness of a perfect April sky, "he was gathered to his fathers," the last of his family.

"Thus, falling one by one,
Has the loved kindred, all, their journey done."

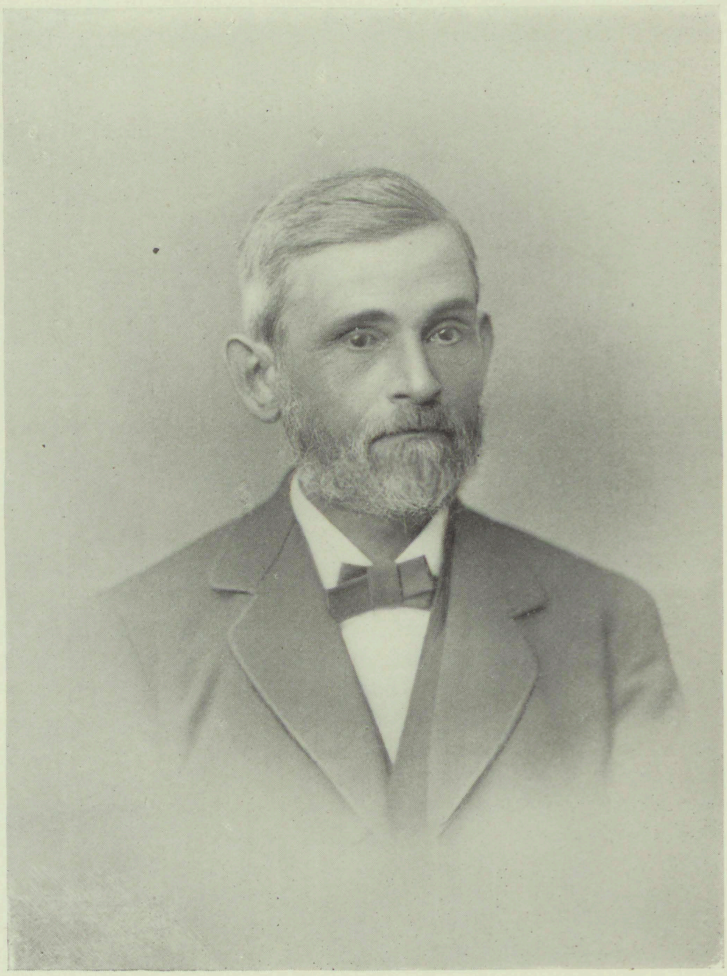
WILLIAM H. C. FOLLANSBY, one of the leading dry-goods merchants of Exeter, was born in Tilton, N.H., May 1, 1845, son of William and Mary (Sweat-Ladd) Follansby. The first representatives of the family in this country were William and Thomas Follansby, who came from Derbyshire, England, in 1677, and settled in Newburyport, Mass. Peter Follansby, grandfather of William H. C., was a native of Hill, Merrimack County. William Follansby, born in Bristol, N.H., in 1800, was for many years in business in Tilton as a manufacturer and merchant. It was said of him that he erected more houses in Tilton than any man of his time. He died in Belmont, N.H., in 1849. His second wife was a daughter of Stephen and Mary (Clark) Sweat, of Belmont, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Follansby was a childless widow, having lost two children born to her first husband, Henry Ladd. Mr. Follansby was at that time a widower with five children. They were married in 1840; and the husband died nine years later, leaving but small means for his widow and family. However, Mrs. Follansby, who was a resolute woman, managed to keep the wolf from the door. She died at Laconia, N.H., in 1866, and is buried in Tilton.

William H. C. Follansby was the only child of his father's second marriage. He received a good education, attending the common schools of Belmont and the academy at Laconia. When eighteen years of age, he entered on his business career, taking the position of clerk in the general store of Follansby & Hodgdon at Ashland, Grafton County. The senior member of this firm, Cutting Follansby, was his half-brother. Having remained in this store about six years, he in 1870 formed a partnership with Mark W. Dearborn, and started a store in Barre, Mass., where, under the style of Follansby & Dearborn, they conducted a flourishing trade for five years, at the same time running a branch store at Barre Plains. In 1875 they sold their stock in trade, and purchased the business of Larkin & Little. A year later Mr. Dearborn returned to Barre, and Mr. Follansby has since been without an associate in business. He has an attractive store, with a large assortment of dry goods of good quality. Two years ago he opened another establishment in Exeter, called "The Fair," which is more of a variety store, and has five and ten cent counters. Also, for the past five years he has been associated with Colonel W. N. Dow in real estate transactions, through which they have disposed of a large amount of unimproved property, and erected several houses. Mr. Follansby is President of the Union Five Cent Savings Bank and a Director in the Exeter Banking Company. He is also a Trustee of the Gilman Park, in association with the Rev. George E. Street, Judge Shute, Judge Leavitt, and William P. Chadwick.

A Republican in his political relations, Mr. Follansby has borne his share of the public duties of town, county, and State. Among the more important offices which he has held may be mentioned that of legislative Representative, which he held from 1893 to 1895, and that of member of the committee appointed to macadamize the streets of Exeter, associated with General Eastman and Colonel Dow. Mr. Follansby is a Knight Templar Mason, and is at present Treasurer of the Star in the East Lodge and of Olivet Council.

Mr. Follansby was married December 31, 1866, to Ella L., only daughter of Darius and Hannah (Haines) Winslow, all of Northfield, N.H. Mrs. Follansby's father died in 1846, at the age of twenty-seven, leaving his widow with this child, then a babe of three months. Her mother was married three years later to John S. Dearborn, and is now living with her husband at Dover, N.H., both being comparatively active, though stricken in years. Two children were born of their union — Mark W. Dearborn, Mr. Follansby's former business associate, who is now in trade in Lawrence, Mass.; and Thomas H., a dry-goods merchant of Dover, N.H.

Mrs. Follansby was educated at Tilton, N.H., and at Ipswich, Mass., and began to teach when sixteen years of age. Her career as a teacher, however, only covered two terms; for in her twenty-first year she was married, and since that time she has presided over Mr. Follansby's home. She has a talent for art, and her fine taste is displayed to advantage in the interior decorations of their handsome



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residence. This house was purchased by Mr. Follansby in 1878, and has since been remodelled. The mark of culture and refinement is on all the furnishings, and the beautiful china decorations and the delicate pastels done by Mrs. Follansby's own hand are gems of art. Though they have no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Follansby have materially aided several young men in Mr. Follansby's employ, and their hearts are always in sympathy with the boys and girls.

HON. JOHN DANA ORDWAY, who for many years prior to his death was prominent as a merchant of Hampstead, N.H., was born in this town, March 3, 1828. He was a son of John and Eliza S. (Chase) Ordway, and was one of the third generation of his family resident in Hampstead, his grandfather, John Ordway, who came from West Newbury, Mass., settling here about 1794.

His father, John Ordway, the second of the name, was born on Governor's Island, Hampstead, July 14, 1792. A wheelwright by trade, he was for many years engaged in making wagons, and was later in business as a manufacturer of chip and palm leaf hats. In 1829 he established a general store in the town under his own name; and in 1846, admitting his son Nelson into partnership, he changed the name to John Ordway & Son. Some time later his son, John Dana, became one of the company; and the name was changed to John Ordway & Co. The founder of the firm eventually retired, leaving the large business in charge of his sons, and spent the rest of his life in leisure on the home farm. He was a prominent business man of the day, President of the Derry National Bank for a number of years, and one of the Trustees named in the will of Benjamin D. Emerson to attend to the expenditure of the fund for the erection of the Hampstead High School. Active as a Whig and a Republican, John Ordway served as Selectman of Hampstead for a number of years, was Representative in the State legislature in 1846 and 1854, and State Senator in 1857 and 1858. He died November 8, 1881. His wife, to whom he was united January 19, 1819, was a daughter of Joseph and Emma (Chase) Chase, of West Newbury, Mass. She died January 21, 1873. She was the mother of six children, only one of whom is living, Nelson Ordway, one of the leading citizens of Hampstead.

John Dana Ordway acquired the greater part of his education in Pembroke. After leaving school, he entered his father's store, and soon became familiar with the details of business, and decided on a mercantile career. For a while after his father retired he, with his brother Nelson, conducted the business; but in 1860 John Dana purchased his brother's interest, and he was sole proprietor of the enterprise up to the time of his death. As a merchant, he was very successful, not only through his business ability, but also because of the high regard in which he was held by his townsmen. Fair and upright in his dealings, he sought no greater profit than was honorable; and the wealth which he accumulated was fairly won. A public-spirited and energetic man, Mr. Ordway was a leader among the Republicans of his district, who elected him to many offices of trust. He efficiently served as Town Treasurer for a number of terms, was Selectman for several years, and filled the chair of Moderator at the town meetings so often that it almost seemed to belong to him; and he represented the district in the legislature twice. He was a Master Mason for a number of years, belonging to St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, of Derry, N.H. Mr. Ordway died June 11, 1888.

Mr. Ordway was married, November 28, 1850, to Louisa M. Kent, who died March 3, 1877. She was the mother of five children, one of whom, John K., is living. John K. Ordway was born April 26, 1852. He married Miss Carrie Cox, of Baltimore, Md. Another son, Daniel F. Ordway, who was born in Hampstead, January 9, 1855, was his father's right-hand man in the store, and was a prominent and active citizen, representing the town in the legislature one term. He died April 28, 1885. Daniel F. Ordway was twice married, first on January 17, 1878, to Eugenia A. Safford, of Methuen, Mass., who died December 30, 1878, leaving one son, Clarence E. This son, who was born Novem-

ber 12, 1878, is now preparing for Yale College. Daniel F. Ordway's second marriage took place February 2, 1881, his bride being Nellie T. Randall, of Hampstead. There were no children by this union. Mr. John Dana Ordway is survived by his second wife, formerly Martha H. Sanborn, with whom he was united November 13, 1879. Her parents were Robert and Rhoda (Hoyt) Sanborn, of Sandown, N.H.

COLONEL WILLIAM S. PILLSBURY, the successful business man, the approved citizen, and the man whose unusual capacity for affairs and in office has shown him to be the possessor of the highest and best traits of the "leader," although well known in New Hampshire and New England, deserves a permanent recognition in the pages of this work. Such men as he hold the reins of national destiny. They are the men of practical affairs. They build or enlarge manufacturing establishments, construct railways, develop the agricultural and mining resources of our States, increase the facilities for education, and promote not only the literary and artistic culture, but the numberless graces of a progressive civilization. Especially to be commended among the natives of the Granite State are those men who prove themselves able to coin success and honor in what are popularly considered the overcrowded fields of enterprise in New England. The public is not slow to recognize the value of worthy example in industry, intelligent enterprise, efficient executive and business ability, combined with high general intelligence. Practical talent or common sense duly applied deserves approval, and is sure to win recognition.

Colonel Pillsbury is the son of the Rev. Stephen Pillsbury, a Baptist clergyman, who died at Londonderry, N.H., after a life devoted to faithful Christian work. He is descended from William Pillsbury, who came from Essex or Staffordshire, England, to Dorchester, Mass., in 1641, and a little later settled in the locality of the present city of Newburyport. The English Pillsburys, to whom those of America are related, have a coat of arms described in heraldic terms as follows: "Per fesse sable and azure," on an eagle displayed argent; three griffins' heads, erased of the second. Crest, an esquire's helmet. Motto, "Labor omnia vincit."

The Rev. Stephen Pillsbury was the son of Micajah Pillsbury, and was born at Amesbury, Mass., October 30, 1781. He was ordained to the ministry June, 1810. Subsequently he preached in Hebron, Sutton, Dunbarton, and Londonderry. He died January 22, 1851. He was not only a sound preacher, but an advocate of temperance, and one of the original members of the Free Soil party in New Hampshire. His wife, Mrs. Lavinia Hobart Pillsbury, who was the possessor of fine talents as a writer, was born at Hebron, N.H., October 31, 1795. Her father, Deacon Josiah Hobart, was the first male child of English descent born in Plymouth, N.H. The earliest Hobart ancestor in this country was Edmund Hobart, who arrived at Charlestown, Mass., in 1633, and in September, 1635, with four sons, including the Rev. Peter Hobart, who had come over in June of that year, settled in Hingham, Mass. The Rev. Peter Hobart was the minister of the church at Hingham nearly forty-four years.

The children of the Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Pillsbury were: Mary Bartlett (now Mrs. Mary B. Weson), an artist of note, living at Lawrence, Kan.; Lavinia Hobart, who married Samuel Andrews, of Sutton, N.H.; the Hon. Josiah Hobart, who married Elnora Perver. He was editor and publisher of the New York *Eagle*, afterward editor and publisher of the Manhattan (Kan.) *Independent*, and held many official positions of trust and honor. Stephen, Jr., who married Sarah A. Bailey, is a merchant at Manhattan, Kan. Edwin, who married Mary Ann Reid, is a farmer and contractor at Leavenworth, Kan. Ann Judson married William B. Marshall, of Weare, N.H. Adoniram Judson died unmarried.

William Staughton Pillsbury, to whom this sketch chiefly relates, was born at Sutton, N.H., March 16, 1833, married Sarah A. Crowell, of Londonderry, May 8, 1854. She died June 22, 1854. He married, second, Martha Silver Crowell. The children of Colonel William S. and Martha S. Pillsbury

now living are: Rosecrans William, a well-known attorney, born September 18, 1863; Charles Hobart, born March 16, 1866; Hattie Lavinia, born October 27, 1870; Ulysses Grant, born November 24, 1876.

The ancient motto of the Pillsbury family, "Labor omnia vincit" ("labor conquers all things"), is practically illustrated by many bearing the name in modern times as well as of old. Colonel Pillsbury evidently has reason to conclude that it is a good motto to live by and cling to; and his near relatives, the Hon. George A. Pillsbury, late the popular mayor of Concord, N.H., and now a prominent capitalist of Minnesota, as well as ex-Governor John S. Pillsbury, the millionaire flour manufacturer of Minneapolis, seem to be men after his own heart and fashion, active, honorable, generous, and winners of the golden opinion of the public as well as of this world's bounties.

Colonel Pillsbury's education has been gained chiefly in the school of practical life. A keen student of the world's affairs and men, his judgment has become accurate, his tact remarkable, his knowledge useful in all directions. He learned the shoemaker's trade at the age of fourteen years, and subsequently became a skilful cutter of stock. At twenty he started a shoe factory at Cilleysville, Andover, N.H., for his brother Stephen, and was superintendent of the extensive establishment for a year or more. He was afterward employed at Marlboro, Mass. Up to the age of legal manhood William S. Pillsbury gave all of his earnings over a plain living for himself for the support of his widowed mother and to aid others in need at the time. When twenty-one years of age, he consequently did not possess a dollar in money. Soon, however, he was engaged with a firm of shoe manufacturers just starting business at Derry Depot. About a year later he had entire charge of the business as agent, and so continued during the existence of the firm. When this firm went out of business, he made a journey to Kansas, where he used what money he had saved up to good advantage.

Returning East, and having married, as already stated, Mr. Pillsbury remained occupied in business affairs until the opening of the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted in his country's service, and was commissioned First Lieutenant, Company I, Fourth New Hampshire Regiment, and left for the seat of war September, 1861. Having reached Annapolis, he met with such a serious accident that he resigned and returned North. A few months later, his health having improved, and the call for three hundred thousand men being issued, he was appointed recruiting officer for the Ninth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company A. His regiment proceeded to Washington, and was in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam. At the memorable battle of South Mountain an incident occurred which illustrates the alertness and power of judgment of the young Lieutenant, who by an adroit movement saved a portion of the companies of the Ninth New Hampshire Regiment from almost sure destruction. His company, A, was leading in a charge upon a large number of rebels, who were driven through a piece of woods, and disappeared while the Union men moved into an open field adjoining. The enemy re-formed under the protection of a battery, and their movement was discovered by Lieutenant Pillsbury, who halted his men, and fell back sufficiently to hold connection with support just at the moment when Major-general Reno rode along the line into the ambush, and, receiving the terrible volley from rebels screened by the woods, was instantly killed while on the very ground they had left a few moments before. Major-general Reno need not have lost his life, had he heeded Lieutenant Pillsbury's warning, as he had informed the general that the rebels were forming; but the advice was unheeded, with disastrous results as above.

Disabled by a severe attack of pneumonia, Lieutenant Pillsbury resigned his commission; and, as soon as he was able to perform a little service in business, he was engaged at Wheeling, Va., superintending a party of experts in training men there in the art of manufacturing shoes by the most desirable New England methods. As soon as his health seemed well restored, he returned to Londonderry, raised for the town its quota of thirty men under the last call (1864), and was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company D, unattached artil-

lery, Captain George W. Colbath, of Dover (a cousin to General Wilson), commanding. The company served in several of the forts in the first and second divisions of the defences of the capital. He commanded for a time the battery "Garryshay" in De Russe's division. Later he was appointed ordnance officer of the First Brigade, Harding's division, and was stationed at Fort Reno, Md., where he remained until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Concord, N.H., June 19, 1865. A month later he engaged in the manufacturing of shoes at Londonderry, and successfully prosecuted the business until the need of larger buildings induced him to remove his machinery to Derry Depot. After this removal he formed a business connection with the Boston house of E. P. Philips & Co., which continued until the dissolution of the firm. He shortly after became agent for the noted firm of Clement, Colburn & Co. of Boston, now Colburn, Fuller & Co., shoe manufacturers at Derry Depot. During this agency the business has increased, until, from an annual trade of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, it has reached the sum of over half a million dollars per annum. About four hundred and fifty persons are now employed in the immense establishment of the firm at Derry Depot. Additions to the factory buildings afford room for about one hundred more hands, as the pressure of trade may require. Nearly six hundred different styles of boots and shoes are made in this great establishment, for American and foreign trade. These goods seem to be, for real service, superior to any known in the country. The especial effort in production is to attain all serviceable qualities and durability. These goods consequently find a ready sale, not only all over the United States, but the West Indies, along the east and west coast of South America, in Egypt and South Africa, New Zealand and Australia, as well as in several European ports. To the energy and enterprise, integrity and tact of Colonel Pillsbury, New Hampshire people rightly credit the remarkable growth of the village of Derry Depot from an insignificant hamlet to one of the most thriving and beautiful inland villages of New England.

In 1868 he was elected Commissioner for Rockingham County on the Republican ticket, and again in 1870, 1871, and 1872, being Chairman of the Board nearly two years, and making the first general report of the business affairs of the county to the people thereof. In this position he performed extremely valuable service in oganizing the system of conducting county affairs, embracing the institution of a new method of caring for the paupers at the county farm. His tact and good judgment seem to be equal to every requirement that presents itself. Chiefly through his influence and zealous effort came the appropriation for the erection of the asylum buildings for the accommodation of the insane poor of the county. With results as good as at the asylum at Concord, while saving largely in expense, the enterprise has proved the soundness and practicability of the plan. In fact, while patients were as well treated as previously at extravagant expenses, the cost of the asylum building, nearly three thousand dollars, was saved the first year it was occupied. In June, 1877, William S. Pillsbury was appointed aide-de-camp, with rank of Colonel, on the staff of Governor B. F. Prescott, of New Hampshire; and he has since borne this title.

Colonel Pillsbury was the original mover in the effort to check the overwhelming extent of the "tramp nuisance" in New Hampshire. The action he inaugurated culminated in the law for the suppression of trampage that has accomplished such good in the Granite State, and that has been so generally copied in other States. Colonel Pillsbury is a Republican of lifelong affiliation. In Londonderry he has served as Moderator at town meetings about twenty-one years. He has also represented his town in the legislature, is a Justice of the Peace, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Leech Library at Londonderry, and a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a member of Aaron Hughes Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Nashua, N.H., of Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Boston, Mass., and of the Order of the Eastern Star, Ransford Chapter, No. 3, at Derry Depot. Among the other fraternal orders of which he is a member are the

Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, and Wesley B. Knight Post, No. 41, Grand Army of the Republic, of Londonderry. Religiously, he is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and for many years a Trustee of the society of that denomination in Londonderry. He is not a sectarian. His spirit is liberal and broadly tolerant, as is all true Christianity. He once paid the expense of frescoing and painting a Methodist meeting-house, when the society little expected such aid from a religious brother of another denomination.

Colonel Pillsbury is a member of the well-known New Hampshire Club, its membership including many of the leading men of the State. Whenever an opportunity offers, Colonel Pillsbury expresses the liberality of his heart in quiet, practical ways that are not all known to the general community. A more public-spirited man in general affairs is not known by the citizens of Rockingham County, or perhaps this State. His notable success is due, among other reasons, to his industry, his high sense of honor, his heartiness, and his especially remarkable talent for systematizing, and for the organization and ready execution of plans. The almost invariably accurate judgment of men that he manifests is the secret of his power to fit the right man in the right place, where positions of responsibility and importance are concerned. Personally, Colonel Pillsbury is exceedingly attractive and cordial in manner. A true, gentle, manly feeling characterizes his association with all so fortunate as to meet him either in business or society.

JAMES WILLIAM SOWERSBY, a well-known baker of Portsmouth, N.H., was born in this city on March 10, 1829. His parents were John and Mary (Lewis) Sowersby.

The name has in many cases been erroneously printed as "Somerby." The "Wentworth Genealogy," vol i. page 384, is authority for the following: —

Henry Somerby, of Little Bytham, Lincolnshire, England, died in 1609, leaving two daughters and one son, Richard, who inherited his father's estate. Richard Somerby died in March, 1639, leaving two sons — Anthony and Henry, second — who in that year, 1639, sailed from England in the ship 'Jonathan,' landed in Boston, and thence went to Newbury, Mass., where they settled. Henry, the emigrant, who was baptized on March 17, 1612, at Little Bytham, Eng., married, after his arrival in this country, Judith, born 1628, daughter of Captain Edmund and Sarah Greenleaf, of Newbury. They had four children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Sarah, born in 1645, married John Hale, of Newbury; Elizabeth, born in 1646, married, in 1663, Nathaniel Clark, and, second, married the Rev. John Hale, first minister of Beverly; John, born in 1648, died in 1650; Daniel, born in 1651, was mortally wounded by the Indians at Mount Hope on December 19, 1675, reached home, and died, single. His father's descendants in the male line thus became extinct. Henry Somerby, second, died October 2, 1652. His widow married, March 2, 1653, Tristram Coffin, and the estate passed into the Coffin family. Among her descendants was Joshua Coffin, the historian of Newbury. Anthony Somerby, brother of Henry, was a graduate of Clare Hall, Cambridge, England. He was the first schoolmaster in Newbury, Mass., and was Town Clerk and Recorder. He had but one child, Abiel Somerby, from whom all of the name of Somerby in the United States have descended.

Mr. James W. Sowersby's paternal grandfather, John Sowersby, Sr., was a prominent member of the Universalist church in Portsmouth, in which he officiated as Deacon for several years. His son, John Sowersby, was a native of this city, and always lived here. He married Mary Lewis, of Kittery, Me.; and they had five children, but two of whom are now living — namely, James William and his sister, Mrs. Carrie Allen, who resides in Boston. The father died here at the age of sixty-eight years, having been a hard-working man, faithful to the duties of every-day life. He also was a believer in universal salvation.

James W. Sowersby, the eldest child of his parents, was educated in the public schools of this city; and at the close of his school life he learned the baker's trade in the old

and well-known establishment of Joseph Bond, of Wilmington, Mass. After serving his apprenticeship, he went to Hudson, N.Y., and worked as a journeyman for Charles Paul for four years. Mr. Sowersby then returned to Portsmouth, and entered Joseph Parry's bakery, being with him for eight years, at the expiration of which time he commenced business for himself. In 1870 he bought his present plant of Mr. John Nutter, which he has managed for twenty-five years, with excellent financial results, having made additions thereto.

In politics Mr. Sowersby is independent, having the moral courage to vote for the best man under all circumstances. For two years he has been Overseer of the Poor. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of Mechanics' Association of Portsmouth. Like his father and grandfather before him, Mr. Sowersby attends the Universalist church.

He was married in 1855 to Josephine Gowing, daughter of Jonathan and Jane (Holt) Gowing, of Wilmington, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Sowersby have one child, a daughter, Mrs. Carrie W. Leach, who resides in this city.

ELIAS FRINK, a lumberman and bridge builder, was born February 8, 1813, in Newington, son of Cyrus and Abigail (Nutter) Frink. The father, a carpenter and bridge builder, was a native of Connecticut, born June 3, 1772. He came from Connecticut in 1793, and helped to build the Piscataqua Bridge in the capacity of overseer. Five years later, in 1798, he purchased a farm, and was married to Abigail Nutter, a native of the town. The nine children of this marriage were: Cyrus and Abigail (twins), Simes, Isaac, John, Darius, Elias, Margaret, and Hannah Frink. The father resided on the old homestead. He became the owner of several other farms by purchase. His death occurred at Fox Point January 14, 1849, when he was seventy-six years old. He was prominent as Colonel of the militia during the War of 1812. He was a Representative in the State legislature for two terms, beginning about the year 1826. For several terms he was Selectman of Newington. His wife died in 1850. They were both buried in the Newington cemetery.

Elias Frink, a native of this town, educated at Gilmanton Academy, has also been a lifelong resident. Beginning life for himself at the age of twenty-two years, he took charge of the bridge, which he and his brothers subsequently purchased, and they were its owners when it was swept away in 1855. Mr. Frink then became a stockholder in a mowing-machine company, for which he travelled a good deal, retaining, however, his residence in Newington. He was connected with this firm for seven years. In 1864 he moved to the farm he now occupies. He owns four other farms in the town, covering in all two hundred and eighty acres. Mr. Frink has also been extensively interested in the lumber business. His political outlook is from the Republican point of view. In 1851 he served the town as Selectman, and also served on the school board. He has been a member of the Masonic Order for sixty years.

Mr. Frink has been twice married. By his first marriage, performed April 8, 1835, he was united with Miss Elizabeth Pickering. She was born on April 8, 1808, and died September 30, 1848. On March 13, 1851, he married Miss Mary E. Pickering, who was born on January 5, 1835. They have had six children, as follows: Jane E., born September 5, 1855; Adelle H., born February 21, 1859; Darius, born March 6, 1862, who has been prominent in political affairs, and served in several town offices; Abigail N., born December 12, 1864; Elias, born March 21, 1867, who died August 25, 1875; and Mary, born December 5, 1870. Mr. Elias Frink has been a member of the Congregational Society for many years, and a liberal subscriber for the maintenance of the gospel. He was also one of ten persons who gave one hundred dollars each for the construction of the Congregational parsonage.

ALBERT F. NASON, of Kingston, prosperously engaged in farming, lumbering, and charcoal-burning, was born here, September 17, 1856, son of Nathan Nason, Jr., and Sarah K. (Page)

Nason. The father was born April 27, 1831, in Bridgton, Me. His grandparents, Nathan and Mary (Wentworth) Nason, both natives of Limington, York County, Me., after their marriage removed to Bridgton, Me., whence a few years later they went to the town of Denmark, in the same State. Here Grandfather Nason carried on general farming until his death, which occurred in the prime of manhood. He left his young widow with five children, namely: Freeman, now deceased; Susanna, who died at the age of seven years; Nathan, Jr.; John S.; and Stephen. The last two are now living in Portland, Me.

Nathan Nason, Jr., who was a native of Bridgton, received his education in the schools of Harrison, Me., where he lived with his mother until after her second marriage. This event occurred when he was about twelve years old. He subsequently worked as a farm laborer until the year previous to his marriage, in which he followed the sea for one season. On September 13, 1852, he married Miss Sarah K. Page, who was born January 14, 1833, in Sandown township, this county, a daughter of Moses Page. Mr. Page, who was born in Kingston, not far from the home of his son-in-law, lived for a time in Sandown after his marriage, working at his trade of cooper, being likewise engaged in farming. Returning then to the place of his nativity, he settled on the farm now occupied by Nathan Nason, Jr., and his family, and resided there until his death, February 2, 1885. On July 4, 1853, Nathan assumed charge of his father-in-law's farm, on which he and his wife have since lived and reared their family. Of their eight children, one died in infancy. The others are: Albion W., born June 20, 1854, a resident of West Kingston, who married Miss Anna Page; Albert F., the subject of this sketch; Ruth F., born January 15, 1859, who is the wife of Walter S. West, of West Kingston; Etta Mary, born June 30, 1861, who lives in West Kingston, and is the wife of George Martin; Roxana S., born August 29, 1862, who married L. W. Davis, of the same place; Seth F. and Freeman L., born respectively June 11, 1867, and October 2, 1869, who live on the homestead farm with their parents, as does Albert F., the subject of this sketch. Freeman L. Nason married Miss Lila Hunt. In politics the father is a Democrat, and has served the town as Road Surveyor and policeman. Both parents belong to the Baptist church.

Albert F. Nason has always made his home on the old farm, assisting his father in its management since he was a boy. He and his father own three hundred acres of land in this county. A part of it is under timber; and a part devoted to raising hay, grain, and vegetables. Mr. Nason, his father, and brothers make a specialty of raising garden produce, which his brother, Seth Nason, sells in Haverhill, Mass., making weekly trips for the purpose to that city. They make large quantities of charcoal every season, and sell it in all the cities and important towns within a radius of twenty miles, deriving therefrom a handsome profit. He also shares with his father and brothers in a flourishing lumber business.

On October 1, 1876, Mr. Nason was united in marriage with Miss Laura D. Fifield, who was born October 23, 1856, at West Kingston, daughter of the late Peter S. and Catherine Fifield. Mrs. Fifield now lives on the old Fifield homestead. Mrs. Nason has borne her husband two children — Neva May and Eldora. Eldora married Horace G. Winslow, and both reside on the home farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nason are members of the Methodist Episcopal church Mr. Nason is a zealous Prohibitionist, and he served on the School Board for three years. He belongs to Columbia Lodge, No. 85, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Kingston, and to Harmony Encampment at Amesbury, Mass.

HORACE A. HILL, a leading citizen of Derry, Rockingham County, N.H., where he was born November 14, 1839, has shown a laudable attachment to the place of his nativity, in which he has spent his life up to the present date.

His great-grandfather, Benjamin Hill, was of English origin. He had the distinction, it is said, to have been the first Representative elected to the State legislature of New Hampshire by the town of Chester. Benjamin Hill left a son who bore his name; and

this second Benjamin also left a son, whom he called Charles. Charles Hill was born in Chester, and was there reared to maturity. He then removed from that place to Haverhill, Mass., where he lived for twelve years. He married Hannah T. Trickey, of Brookfield, N.H.; and soon after his marriage, about 1835 or 1836, he returned to Rockingham County, and settled upon a farm in Derry, which is now owned by his son Horace. Here he remained until his death, which occurred August 3, 1877.

To Charles and Hannah (Trickey) Hill four children were born: Charles H., who is living in Springfield, Mass.; William A., a resident of Hugo, Col.; Horace A., of Derry; and George A., who lives in West Springfield, Mass. Mr. Charles Hill was practically a self-made man, as he won his measure of worldly success quite independently of outside influence or aid. He was a Republican and a man of firm religious faith, a member of the First Church in East Derry. His widow survived him five years, dying in 1882.

Horace A. Hill, whose life story is herein narrated briefly, grew to healthful and vigorous manhood on the home farm. As a boy, he went to the district schools; and at a later period he was a student at Pinkerton Academy, which has so wide a reputation in the Granite State for its curriculum and discipline. For several years after leaving school and entering upon the serious duties of life, he was engaged in the lumbering business, which he carried on in connection with farming. The latter occupation has, however, chiefly engaged his time and energies; and he has been largely interested in dairying. His farm consists of sixty-six acres of improved land, and is one of the most valuable in the vicinity of Derry. Mr. Hill has been engaged in the sale of farming machinery.

On November 3, 1869, Horace A. Hill was married to Miss Elizabeth H. Fitz, a daughter of Luther Fitz, late of Chester, a prominent lumber dealer of that section of Rockingham County. This marriage was blessed by the advent of three children: Emma J. and Ella M., twins, the former a teacher in the district schools, and the latter also a teacher employed in the public schools of Derry and adjoining towns; and Albert L., now a student at Pinkerton Academy.

Horace A. Hill has for more than a score of years been prominently identified with various organizations of the grangers in different localities, and is an authority among those of the order. For twenty-two years he has belonged to the Nutfield Grange, of which he was a charter member. For two years he was Master of this grange, and he held the position of Overseer of it for three years. He was also Overseer of the Eastern New Hampshire Pomona Grange for two years, and was its Master for a similar period. The importance of this position may be realized when it is remembered that this grange comprised all of Rockingham and Strafford and a portion of Hillsborough Counties, and that its jurisdiction, moreover, included as many as forty subordinate granges. He was also one of the District Deputies of the grange, an office which practically involves an inspection of all subordinate lodges and the organization of new ones. For four years he was Chief Marshal of the State Grange Fair at Tilton, N.H.; and he holds the same position this year again. He had previously had a good deal of experience in this line, as he had been Mr. James Cogswell's assistant for some time; and, when that gentleman died, he succeeded him in the office of Chief Marshal of the State organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the First Church at East Derry, and for several years the former has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school there. Mr. Hill is a Republican in his political faith, and uses his influence in supporting every movement toward the highest development of those around him. In social as well as business circles he is liked and respected, and he and his intelligent and cultured wife with their charming family do much toward elevating and refining the tone of society in Derry, where they are so cordially esteemed.

THOMAS DUSTON, whose portrait accompanies this sketch, up to two years ago was one of the most enterprising manufacturers of Salem. His name is still



THOMAS DUSTON.

known to the trade in connection with seamless Shaker socks, half-hose, gloves, mittens, and skein yarn. He was born in this town, August 1, 1841, son of Obadiah and Ann (Whitaker) Duston. His grandfather, David Duston, was fifth in descent from Mrs. Hannah Dustin, of Haverhill, Mass., whose sufferings at the hands of the Indians, and almost superhuman endurance thereof, make one of the striking pages of New England history. David Dustin, who was a native and lifelong resident of Salem, reared his children in the house where he was born. His son, Obadiah, also a native of Salem, was one of the prominent business men of his day. For some time he was President of the Five Cents Savings Bank of Exeter, N.H. He was a Selectman of Salem, where he was much respected. His death occurred April 10, 1888. Of his children, two are living — Mrs. Hannah Halliwell and Mrs. Harriet D. Hunt.

Thomas Duston attended the public schools of Salem, and graduated from Atkinson Academy. Having been fond of reading throughout his lifetime, he was well informed on all topics of current interest. He engaged in the manufacture of yarn when quite young. Later he undertook, in addition, that of hosiery, gloves, and mittens. His factory was at North Salem, and its products were made known to the public by clever advertising. One of his devices for this purpose was a unique business card, which bore on the reverse side a series of questions and answers in catechism form, humorously, yet strikingly, setting forth the merits of his goods. As a manufacture, he was very successful. At one time he had an extensive business as civil engineer. For a number of years he was also engaged in farming, lumbering, and the undertaking business; and he was President of the Squamscot Savings Bank at Exeter.

Mr. Duston was married January 25, 1866, to Augusta M. Griffin, daughter of William and Miriam (Colby) Griffin. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were natives of New Hampshire, respectively born in Sandown and Bow. Mr. Duston was one of the prominent Democrats of the section, and served as Tax Collector of Salem and as Representative to the State legislature. He was appointed Postmaster in 1893, and served in that capacity until his death. His connection with fraternal organizations included membership in the Masonic Order and the Salem Grange. In the latter he served as Treasurer and Chaplain at different times. He died September 1, 1894, at the age of fifty-three years. Mrs. Duston resides on the farm, of which she has shown herself a capable manager. She is an estimable lady, and one of the most valued members of the grange.

MRS. HANNAH HALLIWELL, a respected resident of Salem, Rockingham County, was born in this town, May 27, 1833, a daughter of Obadiah and Ann (Whitaker) Duston. Her ancestral record may be found in the sketch of her brother, the late Thomas Duston, which appears on a neighboring page of this volume.

Mrs. Halliwell was brought up in her native town, and was educated at the public schools and at the best select schools in the town. After finishing her education, she for some time followed the occupation of a teacher.

She married John Halliwell, a native of Yorkshire, England, but a naturalized American citizen. He was a manufacturer of yarns for some time, and conducted a good business. In political faith he was a Democrat. He was also identified with the Masonic Order. He died on July 5, 1890. Mrs. Halliwell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of North Salem. She has a large acquaintance, and is esteemed and respected by all who know her.

DAVID W. ELA is one of the most extensive farmers and stock growers in the town of Londonderry, N.H., making a specialty of raising Holstein and Ayrshire cattle. He was born May 3, 1849, on the farm that he now occupies, son of Edward P. and Isabella (Gregg) Ela. His grandfather, Edward Ela, was one of the early residents of Londonderry, a mill owner, who manufactured cloth and woollen goods. Edward P. Ela, son of Edward, was born in Lon-

donderry, and here grew to manhood. Later he was in the West about two years, and was employed for some time in the construction of a canal in Illinois; but the remainder of his life was passed in his native town, where he was engaged in farming and teaming. In financial matters he was very successful, and at his death he left a valuable property, which he had accumulated by industry and thrift. In politics he favored the Democratic side. He died in 1876. His wife, a native of Windham, this county, a daughter of Samuel Gregg, is making her home with her younger son, David W., he and one brother, who was born in 1847, being the only survivors of their four children.

David W. Ela attended the public school of District No. 1, in Londonderry, and Pinkerton Academy at Derry; and, while learning to read, write, and cipher, he was becoming familiar, under his father's training, with the duties of farm life. He has remained on the homestead from his birth, and has been very successful as a farmer, his estate of one hundred and fifty acres yielding bountiful crops and good pasturing. He has some beautiful Holstein and Ayrshire cattle, and ranks among the prominent stock raisers of the county. His fine farm and surroundings indicate diligence, careful management, and good taste.

Mr. Ela was married in 1882 to Martha E. Lovejoy, a native of Belgrade, Me., and by this union has three children — Anna B., Edward C., and Dolly M. A Democrat in politics, he is a public-spirited man, always ready to aid any project for the betterment of the town. He has been elected by his townsmen twice to the Board of Selectmen, and was Chairman of the board for one year. He has for some time been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member of Echo Lodge, No. 61, of Derry Depot, N.H. Mr. Ela is a well-informed man, by reading and discussion keeping up with the progress of the times.

GEORGE W. BINGHAM, A.M., the able and efficient principal of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H., was born in the town of Claremont, in this State, October 23, 1838, his parents being Courtney and Lovey A. (Lebourveau) Bingham, both natives of New Hampshire. The Bingham family is of English origin, the progenitors of the American descendants of the name having come from Yorkshire, England. On the maternal side Mr. Bingham inherits a Gallic strain through the Lebourveaus, his mother's ancestors, who came from France, and settled in New Hampshire during the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Courtney Bingham was born in Lempster, N.H., in 1790, and lived in Sullivan County all his life. He was a farmer, and was identified with the State militia of his district in the early days of its organization.

George W. Bingham, of whom this biographical sketch is written, spent his youth on his father's farm in Claremont, and was prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., from which institution he graduated while it was under the management of the celebrated educator, Dr. Cyrus Richards, late of Washington, D.C. Entering Dartmouth College in 1859, young Bingham took a full literary course, receiving the degree of A.B. in 1863. That year Dartmouth sent forth from its classic precincts several young men who were destined to make honorable places for themselves and increase the prestige of the New Hampshire college that has served the county so grandly in preparing men for the higher planes of life-work. Among these are the Hon. Charles A. Pillsbury, the renowned flour manufacturer of Minneapolis, Minn., Judge Nathaniel H. Clement, of Brooklyn, N.Y., the Hon. Frank Goulding, of Worcester, Mass., and the Rev. Azel W. Hazen, D.D., of Middletown, Conn.

To Mr. Bingham belongs the honor of having procured by his own exertions the means necessary to defray the expenses of his education in both academy and college. Something akin to admiration is always felt in view of a career which has been bravely accomplished against great odds. When one thinks of the earnest young Claremont student practising the strictest economy and teaching school during his vacations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts villages in order to earn money enough to complete his education, a

sincere respect for this steadfastness of purpose and ambitious longing is involuntarily accorded him. Reward of merit is sometimes bestowed outside of Sunday-school story books, and in the present instance the dues of earnest effort and lofty purpose fell to the lot of a deserving recipient. Immediately after graduating he was made Principal of Gilmanton Academy in New Hampshire, and for two years he devoted his energies to the advancement of that institution.

At the expiration of this period he accepted a call to Sewickley, Pa., and became superintendent of the public schools of that town. Energetic administration in this office won prompt recognition; and Mr. Bingham was invited to the principalship of the seminary for young ladies in Pittsburg, Pa. Here he achieved marked success educationally and financially, but was obliged to relinquish the work at the end of five years on account of impaired health, resulting from overwork. Removing to Burlington, Ia., he engaged in the wholesale nursery business as a partner in the firm of Nealley, Bock & Bingham. After five years in this connection, which resulted in a valuable business experience and complete restoration to health, he accepted the principalship of Denmark Academy, one of the oldest and most influential schools of its class in Iowa. His service in this capacity was one of marked success; and its termination in 1884 was an occasion of deep regret to trustees, patrons, and educational associates. In 1885 he returned to his native State to accept the prominent educational position he now fills.

During the eleven years of his principalship at Pinkerton Academy he has had the satisfaction of seeing this institution take long strides of progress. Its attendance has doubled, its teaching force has been increased from three to eight, it has new quarters of the most improved architecture and appointments, and enjoys an established reputation for thorough work and advanced educational methods. Its usefulness and popularity are in themselves sufficient testimony to his well-directed energies and pronounced talents; and, when it is taken into consideration that this school ranks among the best educational institutions in the Granite State, too much credit to the wise administration under which so much has been effected can scarcely be given.

While a student in Kimball Union Academy, Mr. Bingham was received, on profession of faith, into the communion of the Congregational church in his native town; and he has always been active in Christian service. Elected President of the New Hampshire Sunday-school Association in 1888, he represented New Hampshire in the World's Convention held in London, England, in July, 1889. In the International Sunday-school Convention held in Boston in July, 1896, he was elected to a second term of three years as member for New Hampshire in the International Executive Committee. A stanch advocate of the temperance cause, his influence is widely felt in this direction. He is President of the Law and Order League of Derry, and an officer in the State organization.

In 1865 Mr. Bingham married Miss Mary Upham Cogswell, eldest daughter of the Rev. E. C. Cogswell, late of Northwood, N.H. Mrs. Bingham is a lady of fine nature and rare attainments. She joins with zest and full sympathy in all her husband's intellectual pursuits, and is, in the highest sense, a helpmeet for him.

FREEMAN W. TUCK, a well-to-do farmer of Danville, was born January 27, 1836, in Fremont, N.H., a son of Israel and Rachael (Tuck) Tuck, both natives of Brentwood. Mr. Tuck's parents after their marriage left Brentwood, where they had previously resided, and settled in the town of Fremont, purchasing a farm on which they spent the rest of their lives, the father dying September 25, 1872, and the mother June 20, 1878. The father combined the occupations of a farmer and charcoal-burner, the last named being his principal business. They had a family of six children, as follows: John S., who lives in Georgetown, Mass., married Sarah Gordon, of Brentwood; Nancy, who became the wife of Deacon Bean, of Brentwood; Freeman W., the subject of this sketch; one, the fourth-born, who lived but a short time; George, now residing at Exeter, N.H., who married Sophia Goodrich; and Elvira, who

died November 18, 1890. She married John H. Carr, of Brentwood.

Freeman W. Tuck remained beneath the paternal roof-tree until attaining his majority, attending the district schools in his earlier years, and on the home farm becoming as familiar with the various branches of agriculture as he was with the contents of his school-books. Going then to the village of Brentwood, he drove a team for a nurseryman for nearly a year, and then came to Danville, locating on his present farm. This contains sixty-five acres of land, which he devotes to the raising of hay, corn, potatoes, and vegetables, carrying on general farming most successfully. For several seasons he has thrown open his pleasant and conveniently arranged farm-house for the accommodation of city people who wish for a summer home in the country, where they can have plenty of fresh, pure air, appetizing food, and enjoy an agreeable vacation. In politics Mr. Tuck has invariably supported the principles of the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office.

On December 14, 1858, he married Miss Saphina D. Towle, daughter of Nicholas and Mary (Page) Towle, of Danville, of which place her father was a lifelong resident. Mr. Towle was a farmer and cooper by occupation. He died February 23, 1868, and his wife in February, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Tuck have four children, namely: Lellan J., an attorney by profession, is a resident of Pawtucket, R.I.; Flora M., prominent in the social circles of Danville, is engaged in teaching; Arthur W., a carpenter by trade, lives at home; and Willis C., a shoe-cutter, also lives at home with his parents.

LORENZO D. DUNTLEY, the present Postmaster of Greenland, was born at Thornton, N.H., February 13, 1832, son of Hazen and Phœbe (Leighton) Duntley. His paternal grandfather, Joseph, was long a resident of Sandwich, N.H., where he was engaged in blacksmithing. Joseph and his wife became the parents of two sons and two daughters.

Hazen Duntley, who was a native of Sandwich, obtained his education in the district schools of that place. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it throughout the rest of his life. After working at it for several years in his native town, he removed to Milton, N.H., where his death occurred. He fought in the late war for the maintenance of the Union, having enlisted from New Hampshire in the Rhode Island Cavalry. His wife, Phœbe, a daughter of Jedidah Leighton, of Farmington, N.H., bore him eleven children, all of whom, except two, attained maturity. These were: Emily, Lorenzo D., J. Leighton, Mary J., Ira, Albathina and Lorania (twins), Phœbe A., and Amos. Emily was given in marriage to Joshua Downs; and they now reside at Milton, N.H. Leighton successively married Nancy Hussey and Gusta Miles. The latter now lives at Rochester, N.H. Mary J. became the wife of a Mr. Reynolds, with whom she now makes her home at Alton, N.H. Ira married Sarah Hodgkins, and resides in Milton, N.H. Albathina was joined in matrimony with John Pinkham, and also resides at Milton. Lorania was wedded to John Corson, and lives at Farmington, N.H. Phœbe was married to Albert Nutter; and they now reside at Dover, N.H. Amos was first married to Mary Sawyer, and now resides in Rochester, N.H., with his second wife.

Lorenzo D. Duntley attended the district schools of Milton for the usual period. In his earlier life he was occupied in making custom shoes for shoe manufacturing firms at Haverhill, Mass. In 1861 he came to Greenland, where he plied his trade until 1880. In that year he opened a general store in the centre of the town, and has since conducted it successfully. With this he also discharges the duties of Postmaster of Greenland, to which office he was appointed in October, 1894. In 1855 Mr. Duntley was united in wedlock with Miss Susan E. Dearborn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Dearborn, of Wakefield, N.H. Born of the union were four children, of whom George W., Curtis, and Florence are living. George received in marriage the hand of Miss Fanny Pearson, with whom he resides at Greenland, the father of two children — Ruth and Fred. Curtis wedded Miss Nellie Stephens, of Stevens' Point, Wis., who

has borne him a daughter, Florence, and resides with his family in Boston. Florence, the third child of Mr. Duntley, Sr., is a teacher in the public schools of Portsmouth, N.H. Frank H., the deceased son, met his death on the railroad at East Wakefield, N.H., while at work on the road. The father is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenland. In politics he is a Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote in 1856 for James Buchanan. He was Town Clerk for a number of years, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years. He has also served in the capacities of Assessor and Auditor. Mr. Duntley is affiliated with Wenicot Lodge, No. 92, of Greenland.

ROBERT PATERSON, a successful gardener of Portsmouth, was born in Kennetcook, Hants County, Nova Scotia, on October 18, 1859. His parents were Andrew and Melinda (Rines) Paterson. The father, who was a native of Scotland, born in 1805, came to Nova Scotia when he was a young man, and managed a large farm. His brother, Alexander, was an extensive farmer, owning among other farms one of a thousand acres, and another of six hundred acres. Robert's father was an influential member of the Presbyterian church, which he served as Deacon for many years. He married Melinda Rines, of the same town, and they had seven children, six of whom are now living; namely, Alexander, Robert, Charles, Edward, Mary J., and Letitia. The father is still living, being a well preserved gentleman of ninety years.

Robert Paterson was educated in the public schools of his native town, working between sessions on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age. He went to Maitland, Hants County, Nova Scotia, where he was employed one year as gardener by William D. Lawrence, who was largely engaged in shipbuilding. He then returned home to renew his studies, remaining another year. Subsequently he went back to the employment of Mr. Lawrence, with whom he stayed until he attained his majority. His next employer was the Hon. Frank Jones, of Portsmouth, for whom he is at present head gardener. He went first to Mr. Jones's place merely to visit his half-brother, William G. Paterson, having no intention of remaining. Yielding to Mr. Jones's invitation to work there, he served as journeyman for five years, and was then promoted to the post of assistant gardener. Four years later his brother died, when, in 1890, Mr. Jones, without any solicitation on his part, appointed him to succeed his brother, which position he still holds. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party, but declines office. Mr. Paterson loves nature, and avails himself of all devices to aid and develop its work. In this business he is an enthusiast. He is a member of the Gardeners' and Florists' Club of Boston, and also belongs to the Society of American Florists. Besides his regular occupations in Mr. Jones's employment, Mr. Paterson also has charge of the Wentworth Hotel gardens and conservatories, having supervision of thirty-five men. He is a member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; of Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, of Red Men; and Uniformed Rank, Lucullus Division, Knights of Pythias. He attends religious worship at the Baptist church. On September 20, 1893, Mr. Paterson was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of Daniel W. and Annie M. Elkins, of Hampton, N.H. Her family were prosperous farming folk, extensive property owners, and great workers in the orthodox church. She is the last heir, and owns a farm of one hundred acres. Mr. Paterson has adopted his brother's two orphan children — Fred W. and Gertrude G. No one who knows Mr. Paterson and his estimable wife will doubt that the children will be tenderly cared for and receive every advantage within their means.

MOSES O. NICHOLS, a thriving farmer of Epping, N.H., was born in Kennebec County, Maine, in 1836. His parents were John and Sarah (Osborne) Nichols. The father was a native of Maine, and spent his life in that State. He was a tanner by trade, but the latter part of his life was spent in farming. He died in 1841. His wife, who was a native

of New Hampshire, survived him thirty-seven years, dying in 1878.

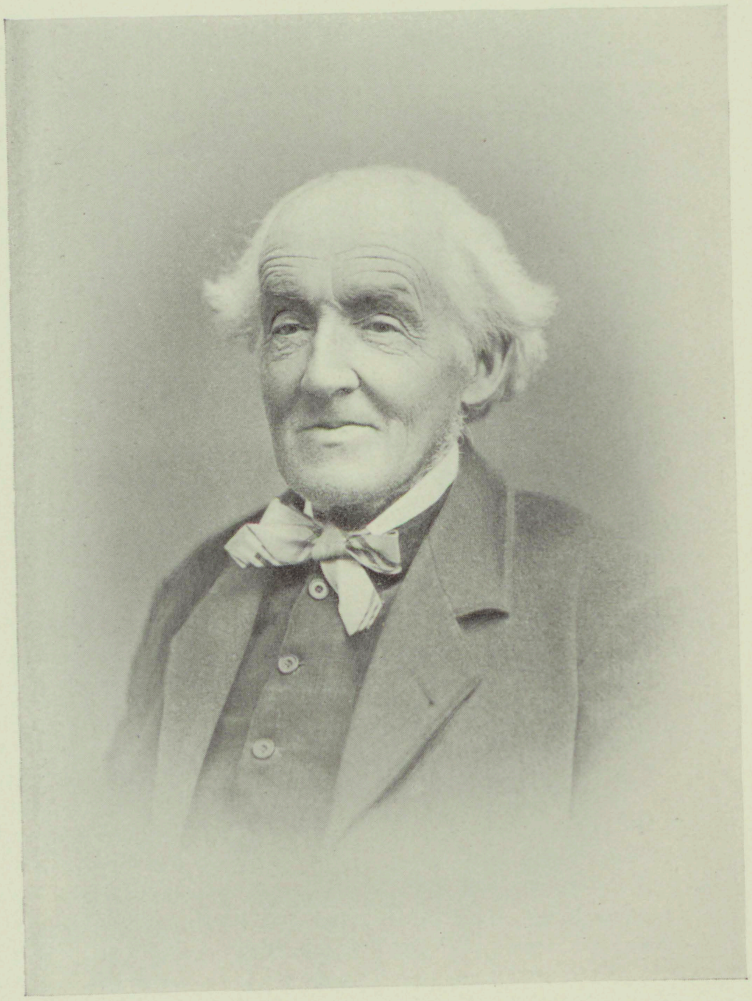
Moses O. Nichols's opportunities for obtaining an education were limited; but he made the best of them, and subsequently attended a Friends' School in Providence, R.I., for one term. He then turned his attention to farming, and has since devoted himself chiefly to that occupation. His fruitful and well-cultivated farm of seventy-five acres is situated four miles north-west of Epping. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. Although not an office-seeker, he was at one time a candidate for Selectman, and, notwithstanding the fact that the town is strongly Democratic, came within one vote of election.

In 1866 Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Ann C. Post, a daughter of Peter Post, of Picton, Province of Ontario. Four children came to enlarge the family circle — Mary, Ruth, Anna, and Roger. The mother was taken away by the hand of death in 1885. The parents were both highly respected members of the Society of Friends. Mr. Nichols is a man of strict integrity, whose influence in the community has ever been for good.

CHARLES MARSEILLES, formerly a well-known editor and publisher, now living in retirement at Exeter, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 19, 1846, son of Peter and Eliza (Gilpin) Marseilles. On the paternal side he is of French Huguenot extraction. The first representatives of the family to settle in North America were Peter Marseilles and his family, who came here over two hundred years ago from Holland. They disembarked at New Amsterdam, now New York City, where they fixed their temporary home. Previous to their emigration the Marseilles had lived for many years in Holland. From New Amsterdam they removed to a place near Greenbrook, now in New Jersey, where they subsequently resided for many generations. Peter Marseilles, the father of Charles, was born November 23, 1793, in Somerset, N.J. He removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where he became a member of the firm of Marseilles & Martin, the leading wholesale house in Philadelphia dealing in hats, furs, etc., having an extensive trade in the South and West. In 1836 he married Miss Eliza Gilpin, a native of Philadelphia, where the ceremony was performed. They had seven children, of whom three sons and three daughters attained to maturity. Charles, Elizabeth, and Anna are the only survivors now. Mr. Marseilles departed this life in Philadelphia, April 21, 1878, at the advanced age of eighty-five years; and his wife, who was fifteen years younger than he, survived him just fifteen years, passing away on December 26, 1893.

Charles Marseilles acquired a part of his education at the Phillips Exeter Academy, which is located at Exeter, N.H., entering that institution at the age of sixteen with a friend, D. P. Lippencott. He and Mr. Lippencott were room-mates until the latter enlisted for service in the Civil War. Mr. Marseilles returned home in 1863, and prosecuted his studies in the select schools of William Fewsmith and Dr. Robert H. Labberton, and under a private tutor, Reginald H. Chase. In 1864 he entered the Norwich University at Norwich (now at Northfield), in order to obtain a military training. In the spring of 1865, when the war was ended, he went to Boston, Mass., and accepted a position in the publishing house of Ticknor & Fields. After remaining with them about twelve months, being then but twenty years of age, he went to Exeter, N.H., and purchased the Exeter *News-Letter*. This paper was established in 1831 by Captain Sleeper, who in 1833 founded the Boston *Journal*. Mr. Marseilles edited and managed his paper with enterprise and success until September, 1878, when he changed his residence to Kingston, N.Y., and purchased the Kingston *Daily Freeman* and the Kingston *Journal*. He had been proprietor and editor of these journals for four years when he retired from the active duties and burdens of life.

On October 5, 1869, Mr. Marseilles wedded Miss Annie Mary Moses Leavitt, daughter of the late Samuel W. Leavitt, of Exeter, N.H. Mr. Leavitt, who was a native of Exeter, passed away January 10, 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. The house in which his decease occurred was over two hundred years old, and had been his home for many



ANDREW J. PENHALLOW.

years. Mr. and Mrs. Marseilles, who have had no children, now reside in Exeter at their pleasant home on Upper Front Street, where the unmistakable indications of refinement meet one at every turn. Their spacious rooms are almost literally filled with beautiful and exquisite paintings and bric-à-brac. The house also contains one of the best private libraries to be found in the State of New Hampshire.

In national politics Mr. Marseilles supports the Republican party. Though he has not been an aspirant to official and social distinction, having repeatedly declined nominations to offices, he has been a power in the realm of politics, assisting very materially through the columns of his journals in making or unmaking governors, senators, and other high officials of State and nation. Few editors wield a more potent pen than Mr. Marseilles.

ANDREW J. PENHALLOW, of Portsmouth, confidential clerk of Charles S. Mendum, was born in Portsmouth, March 1, 1815. The Penhallows are an old and influential family here. Penhallow Street was so named as a mark of respect to them. At that time they were the first family in town, taking such prominent positions as seemed to belong to them by reason of their personal worth. The father of Andrew J. was the President of the New Hampshire National Bank.

Andrew J. Penhallow was educated in the Portsmouth public schools, and became an efficient accountant and a fine penman. His commercial career began in the dry-goods store of Stephen Simes, where he continued for two or three years. This store now belongs to John S. Rand. Mr. Penhallow subsequently served as confidential clerk for Mr. Charles S. Mendum, being eminently fitted therefor. In politics he was a Republican, but he did not seek political preferment. He never joined any secular organizations, while he was a member of the Unitarian church for many years, having been admitted under the administration of that great and good man, Andrew P. Peabody. He efficiently discharged the duties of Parish Clerk for some time.

Mr. Penhallow was three times married. His last marriage was contracted August 3, 1883, with Ellen M. Foster, of Dover, N.H. Her father, a native of Reading, Mass., who kept a large and flourishing shoe store in Dover for many years, died in 1853, at the age of fifty-two. His wife, who was a daughter of Ebenezer Munsey, of Barnstead, N.H., died in 1858, also aged fifty-two, having given birth to nine children. Mrs. Penhallow was educated in Dover, and there spent her youth. She has been a resident of Portsmouth for a quarter of a century. Mr. Penhallow died January 14, 1890, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, regretted by all who knew him. A portrait of him accompanies this sketch of his life.

CHARLES V. JENNESS, a prosperous farmer of South New Market, was born November 27, 1845, in Rochester, Strafford County, son of Esrom and Ann (Munsey) Jenness. His father, also a native of Rochester, in the earlier part of his life was there engaged in farming and carpenter's work. He subsequently removed to Durham, Strafford County; and in 1860 he came to South New Market, settling in the north-western part of the town. Here for several years he worked at his trade of carpenter, besides conducting a farm, obtaining a reputation for skill and industry. He was united in marriage with Miss Ann Munsey, a native of Barnstead, N.H. Of the union there were born five children; namely, Charles V., Timothy M., Abby E., Emma F., and John P. Charles V. is the only survivor now. In national politics the father was identified with the Republican party, while regarding religious questions both he and his wife held liberal opinions. He passed his declining years in retirement at Newfields, N.H., where he finally departed this life, August 23, 1868, aged fifty-one years, eight months, and thirteen days. His wife died January 21, 1886, aged sixty-nine years, five months, and twenty-eight days.

Charles V. Jenness attained manhood at his father's home in Newfields, acquiring his education in the public schools. At the age

of eighteen he learned the trade of carpenter, and subsequently followed it for three years. He then applied himself to become a pattern-maker. Succeeding in that, he worked at the business until 1890, employed in the factory of the Squamscot Machine Company at Newfields, and in the capacity of foreman with the Portsmouth Machine Company. In 1890 he moved to his present estate, which comprises about one hundred and forty acres. Here he has since been engaged in general agriculture, giving considerable attention to lumbering and to the wood business. He also transacts real estate business at Newfields village.

On July 14, 1867, Mr. Jenness was joined in matrimony with Miss Frances E. Neal, a daughter of Samuel and Relief Neal, and has since become the father of one son, Eugene E., born June 11, 1870. Eugene E. Jenness resides at home, and co-operates with his father in the work of the farm. On July 9, 1890, he wedded Miss Elmyra N. Randlett, of Stratham, N.H., and has a daughter, Eva Irene, born May 11, 1891. In politics he is a Republican, while on religious questions he is guided by liberal principles. Mr. Jenness, Sr., who is well known and esteemed here, has served the town on the Board of Selectmen. His face is a familiar one in the general gatherings of the community, as he is identified with several fraternities. He is a member of Lodge No. 56, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Newfields, and the Rebecca Degree of New Market; of Chapter No. 2, at Exeter, Knights of Pythias. He likewise belongs to Pocahontas Tribe of Red Men at Exeter, and affiliates with the Patrons of Husbandry in Encampment No. 179 at South New Market. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum at Exeter. In politics he is a Republican. In religion he and his wife are liberal.

SEWELL A. WATSON, a member of the firm of Watson Brothers, proprietors of a general store at Nottingham, was born in that town, April 14, 1847, son of Sewell and Lydia (Daniels) Watson. The family is an old and respected one. William Watson, grandfather of Sewell A., born in Northwood, this county, on Washington's birthday, 1766, was a hard-working and enterprising farmer. His farm, containing about one hundred and fifty acres, was situated in Northwood. He married Miss Elsie Cilley, who was born September 27, 1768, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Cutting) Cilley, of Nottingham, and became by her the father of seven children, namely: Elizabeth, born June 1, 1789; Sewell, born July 19, 1791; Alice E., born May 15, 1793; William, Jr., born December 1, 1796; Hannah, born January 30, 1800; Sarah, born March 10, 1802, who passed away August 8, 1867; and Martha, born October 30, 1809, who died July 29, 1876. Both parents lived to an advanced age. They were members of the Baptist church. In politics the father supported the Whig party.

Sewell Watson enlisted at the age of twenty-one as a drummer-boy for service in the Second War with England. Having faithfully discharged his duties for about one year, he returned to the State, and settled in New Market. Here he assisted in erecting the factories of the New Market Manufacturing Company, where he was later engaged as a watchman for a period of sixteen years. In 1842 he came to Nottingham, purchased the farm of about sixty acres on which his son, William F., now makes his home, and there followed general husbandry uninterruptedly to the day of his decease. He was twice married, on the first occasion to Miss Lydia Daniels, who was born in 1812, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daniels, of Lee, N.H. Of this marriage there came five children, three of whom are still living. These are: William F., born March 6, 1843; Izette, born June 6, 1845, who died October 29, 1846; Sewell A., the subject of this sketch; George E., born November 6, 1852, who died October 26, 1859; and Lydia A., born June 6, 1849, who is the widow of Sewell W. Dow, late of Northwood, N.H., and now resides at Hampton, N.H., having had no children. The mother died; and the father contracted his second marriage with a lady who was a native of Madbury, N.H., born June 10, 1812. He passed away February 9, 1867; and she now lives with her children.

Sewell A. Watson acquired his education

in the common schools of Nottingham. In 1878 he formed a partnership with his brother, William F., under the firm name of Watson Brothers; and in that relationship he has prosperously conducted to the present time a general country store at Nottingham. On December 15, 1875, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Ramsbottam, daughter of George Ramsbottam, of Nottingham, and has now a son, William A., who was born August 5, 1889. In politics Mr. Watson is a Republican. He has participated very prominently in the affairs of the town, where he is held in general respect. He has been Town Clerk for the past sixteen years. He is also a member of the School Committee, and for a dozen years he has acted as the Assistant Postmaster at Nottingham. Mr. Watson is a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, A. F. & A. M., of Epping, N.H., and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Northwood.

CAPTAIN HENRY P. NEAL, of Newfields, one of the few living officers of the old State militia, was born in New Market (now Newfields), December 23, 1815, son of Asa and Rebecca (Gale) Neal. The Neal family, which is of English origin, was one of the first to settle in Portsmouth, N.H., and has been prominent for many years in the affairs of the State of New Hampshire. Captain Neal's great-grandfather, Samuel Neal, was one of the pioneers of New Market, where he cleared a farm, on which he spent the latter part of his life. Samuel Neal, Jr., the grandfather, who was born in New Market in 1749, spent his life there, industriously engaged in farming. In politics he was a Democrat, while on religious questions he held liberal opinions. He died at the age of seventy-five. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Conner, was a native of Exeter, this county. She died in 1827, aged about seventy-five years.

Asa Neal was born in New Market in 1785. One of a large family, he learned in childhood the value of work and perseverance; and, when the time came for him to provide for himself, he shirked no task that came before him. He succeeded his father as owner of the old Neal homestead, and subsequently was one of the leading farmers of the community. He, too, favored the Democratic party. He died at the age of seventy-eight. His wife was a native of Gilmanton, N.H., born in the same year as her husband. She passed away at the age of seventy-five. Both were members of the Free Will Baptist church. They reared five children — Samuel, Henry P., Valina G., Asa D., and Francis A. Another, Daniel Y., died in infancy. Henry P., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living to-day.

Captain Henry P. Neal attended the schools of his native town and New Market Academy. He began to provide for himself when twenty years of age, finding employment as a lumberman. Since then, up to 1895, when he retired from business, he was actively engaged in lumbering. He took possession of his present home in 1841. This is a fine estate of one hundred and fifty acres. He also owns a good farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Exeter, this county. Mr. Neal, having inherited the family characteristic of persevering industry, was never afraid of hard work. He has attained affluence through his own efforts alone, accomplishing much more than the ordinary man in the time given him.

May 31, 1841, Captain Neal was married to Mary W. Jenness, a native of New Market, born November 18, 1816. Mrs. Neal died September 18, 1867. She was the mother of four children — Austin H., Mary R., Oscar Henry, and Joseph Merrill. Austin H. lived but five years. Mary R., who was born April 22, 1844, lives in East Kingston. She is the widow of Arthur T. Robinson, and the mother of one son, Marcellus True, who was born August 22, 1871. Marcellus Robinson married Helene Bell, of Kentland, Ind., March 11, 1895, and has a child, Madeline Uretta, born January 10, 1896, so Captain Neal is a great-grandfather. Oscar Henry Neal, who was born June 1, 1848, is a farmer of Newfields; and Joseph Merrill, who was born January 29, 1851, is a dentist of Somerville, Mass., living in the neighboring town of North Cambridge.

On June 1, 1869, Captain Neal was again married, this time to Charlotte M. Perkins,

who was born in Nashua, N.H., June 6, 1840, daughter of the Rev. Jared and Charlotte (Hall) Perkins. The Rev. Jared Perkins, born in Unity, N.H., April 21, 1793, was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, a stanch Republican and Abolitionist, and one of the leading men of New Hampshire. In 1851 and 1852 he represented the Winchester Congressional District in the Thirty-second Congress. Previous to that he occupied a seat in the House of Representatives at Concord, and was a member of the Governor's Council. He was nominated for Governor of New Hampshire, but died before election, passing away October 15, 1854. His wife, born in Methuen, Mass., November 29, 1804, died in South New Market, N.H., December 3, 1875. Of their thirteen children, two are living, namely: Mrs. Clara E. Farwell, of Claremont, this State; and Mrs. Martha A. Neal, the wife of Dr. Joseph Merrill Neal, of Cambridge, Mass. By his second union Captain Neal has three children. These are: Clara Lilian, born January 8, 1871; Mabelle Perkins, born April 25, 1875; and Jared Augustus Perkins Neal, born November 30, 1877.

Captain Neal votes the Republican ticket. He was Selectman for two years, besides filling other offices of trust in the town. In the old State militia he held rank successively as Ensign, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain; and, as stated above, he is one of the few officers of that body living to-day. He is a Steward and a Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he and his wife have been members for several years.

MAJOR DAVID URCH, Secretary and Treasurer of the New Castle Bridge Company of Portsmouth, was born in Newport, Wales, April 13, 1846. He is a son of Ephraim and Maria (Sherman) Urch, respectively natives of Glastonbury, England, and Portsmouth, N.H. Six generations of the family on the paternal side lived in Somersetshire, England. Ephraim Urch was a willow worker, making baskets and willow furniture. After his marriage he removed to Newport, Wales, where he lived till 1849. In the spring of that year he sailed for America, taking passage on the vessel that brought the iron for the Concord Railroad. Locating in Portsmouth, he engaged in the work of his trade. Also, for a number of years he was toll collector for the New Castle bridges. In 1863 he went to Chicago, and, opening a store for the sale of willow goods, resided during the rest of his life in the vicinity of the windy city, gaining a comfortable livelihood. His wife, who is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Hammond Spinney, in Eliot, Me., is a member of one of the oldest families of Somersetshire, and is a typical English lady. She reared ten children — Mary Ann, Rosanna, Lizzie, Ephraim, Ellen, David, Abram, Henry E., Jonn C., and George W.

David Urch was about two and a half years old when he came to this country, accompanying his mother. The father had left Wales the preceding spring to make a home for his family in the new country. The child had a rough passage in the sailing vessel "Abalina," and it was thirty days before the passengers were safely landed in Boston. David was reared and received his early education in Portsmouth, and finished his course of study at a college in Chicago. He became an expert willow and rattan worker, and assisted in the factory, and in his father's store as clerk. He had been anxious to go to the war in 1861, in Captain Sides's company, with the Second New Hampshire Regiment; but his father had prevented him. The family was living in Effingham, Ill., in 1864. One day here, while returning home to dinner, Mr. Urch fell a little behind when near a railroad track that crossed the street, and a freight train separated him from the rest of the party. Jumping on one of the cars, he was taken to Mattoon, Ill., and enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. This was in March, 1864; and he was one of the hundred days' men. The regiment was sent directly to St. Louis, thence to Jefferson City. Here it was assigned garrison duty for some time, and was engaged in suppressing the bands of guerillas that infested the country. Mr. Urch was honorably discharged in November, 1864. Soon after he returned to Portsmouth, where he was

employed for a few months on the government works at Fort Constitution. He then went to Manchester, N.H., and opened a store for the sale of willow and rattan furniture, and conducted it for five years. The two years following he was in the same business in New Lenox, and then for a short time he was a resident of Portland, Me. His next venture was the opening of a similar store in Portsmouth, which he managed until 1876. In that year he became connected with the New Castle Bridge Company, and has since collected the tolls for them.

Mr. Urch was married to Miss Ida A. Rogers, of Eliot, Me., daughter of Charles W. and Mary A. Rogers. He cast his first Presidential vote for General U. S. Grant, and afterward became affiliated with the Democratic party. However, he has always kept in mind the idea that the highest good of the people should ever be the governing motive of all suffrage. In Portsmouth he served as Alderman for three terms, was Chairman of the City Democratic Committee ten years, and Chairman of the Democratic Committee of the ward in which he resides thirteen years. He was elected Representative to the State legislature in 1882, and during his term of service was a member of the Committees on Fisheries and Game and Secretary of the Committee on Banking. In 1884 he was again sent to the legislature, and once more served as Secretary of the Committee on Banking. He took an active part in the proceedings of the house, and generally made his influence felt. He takes a warm interest in educational matters, and served on the Portsmouth Board of Education eight years. He is a comrade of Storer Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic; has passed all the chairs in New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5; is a member of Canton Centre, No. 12; and he is a member and has served as President of the New Hampshire Mechanics' Association. In the Patriarchs Militant he has served as Inspector-general, with the rank of Major on the staff of General Farrington, since the organization of the New Hampshire branch of the order. For twelve years he has been an officer in the New Hampshire National Guard; and, as a member of the Head Guards of Manchester, he was successively Lieutenant and Captain of Company C. He was afterward made Lieutenant of the Heavy Artillery of Portsmouth, and served seven or eight years on the staff of Brigadier-general Clough.

MERRILL JOHNSON, an extensive farmer of Candia, Rockingham County, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Alexandria, Grafton, N.H., August 17, 1827, son of Moses and Hannah (Huntington) Johnson. The branch of the family of which Mr. Johnson is a representative was founded in America by Moses Johnson, first, who emigrated from England, and settled in Newbury, or Newburyport, Mass., at an early date in Colonial history. His son, Moses, second, Mr. Merrill Johnson's great-grandfather, was born in Newburyport, and settled in Hudson, N.H., now Tyngsboro, where he reared a large family. He was prominent in public affairs, serving for many years as a Selectman and Town Clerk; and, although he twice enlisted for service in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, his fellow-townsmen refused to let him go, as he could not be spared from his official duties.

Moses Johnson, third, Mr. Johnson's grandfather, was born in Hudson in 1769. He acquired a good education, and was a noted schoolmaster of his day, fifty years of his life being spent as an educator; and he was elected by the Whig party to various responsible positions in the town government. He died in 1858, aged eighty-nine years. He married Polly Elliott, of Dracut, Mass., and they became the parents of fourteen children, the only survivors of whom are: Eliza, widow of Kimball Whitney, of Plymouth, N.H., who has reached the advanced age of ninety years; and Elliott, a resident of Chelmsford, Mass.

Moses Johnson, fourth, father of Merrill Johnson, was born in Orange, N.H., in 1796. He settled in Bristol, N.H., where he engaged in tilling the soil, which he followed with unusual energy during his active period. He

died in 1881, aged eighty-five years. In his earlier years he supported the Whig party, but never aspired to prominence in public affairs, preferring to devote his exclusive attention to his farm and family. He attended the Free Baptist church. He married Hannah Huntington, a native of Bristol, N.H., who was of English descent, being a grand-daughter of John Huntington, who emigrated to America, and settled in what is now Danville, N.H. She became the mother of eight children, but two of whom are living, namely: George H., a resident of Deerfield; and Merrill, the subject of this sketch. The others were: Jonathan H., Daniel M., Hannah H., Moses, Mary J., and Julia Ann.

Merrill Johnson acquired his education in the common schools of Manchester and at the Hebron Academy. For some time after leaving school he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, later becoming connected with a newspaper, for which he labored two years; and in 1849 he settled in Deerfield, N.H., where he was employed at a shoe factory. On August 28, 1862, he enlisted as a private for three years in Company B, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, under Captain Sewall D. Tilton and Colonel Walter Harriman, and probably saw as much active service as was experienced by any living veteran of the Civil War, participating in the battles of White Sulphur Springs, Fredericksburg, Jackson, the siege of Vicksburg, the fierce struggle of the Wilderness, the battles of Spottsylvania Court-house, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Pegram Farm, and the assault and capture of Petersburg. In the engagement at Spottsylvania Court-house he received a serious wound in the thigh, which confined him to the hospital at St. Mary's Heights and the Lincoln Hospital in Washington, from which he was removed to Brattleboro, Vt. Rejoining his regiment September 9, 1864, he served until the close of the war. He was successively promoted to the rank of Sergeant, First Lieutenant, and Brevet Captain, and was mustered out as such June 4, 1865. Returning to Deerfield, he continued to reside there until 1880, when he moved to Candia, and engaged in general farming. His property, which is known as the old Richardson place, consists of two hundred and fifty acres, forty acres of which are under cultivation, and the balance is divided in woodland and pasture. He cuts about forty tons of hay annually, besides raising other products of a fine quality, and keeps eleven cows.

On April 2, 1855, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Sarah E. Clark, daughter of Captain Gilman Clark, of Candia. Mrs. Johnson died December 29, 1891, leaving three children, namely: Alice J., who is the wife of Benjamin E. Sanborn, of Deerfield, and has one son, Benjamin E., Jr.; Moses G., who married Carrie E. Marden, of Allenstown, and has one son, Merrill W.; and Hattie I., wife of H. A. Hubbard, of this town. On August 14, 1895, Mr. John married Mrs. Lydia J. Hunt, widow of the late Lewis G. Hunt, of Lynn, Mass., and daughter of John and Elizabeth J. (Swain) French, of Candia.

In politics Mr. Johnson acts with the Republican party, and his public services have been of a nature to receive the hearty appreciation of the citizens of Deerfield and Candia. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen in the last-named town for one term, was twice elected to the same office in this town, and has served upon the School Board. Fraternally, Mr. Johnson is connected with Rockingham Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Eastern Star Lodge, Adah Chapter, No. 9, of Candia; and the Patrons of Husbandry. He is highly respected by his fellow-townsmen as an able and progressive farmer, and an eminently worthy citizen, who is always ready with his aid and influence in securing and perfecting all public improvements; and he is regarded as one of the substantial men of the town. He is a member of the Congregational church.

REV. JACOB CHAPMAN, an old and honored resident of Exeter, was born in Tamworth, then in Strafford, now in Carroll County, N.H., March 11, 1810, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Folsom) Chapman. He is of the seventh generation of the family, and traces his descent to Edward Chapman, a farmer and shoemaker, who came from Yorkshire, England, and settled in Mas-

sachusetts about the year 1639. Edward's grandson, Samuel Chapman, was born in Ipswich, Mass., in 1655; and Samuel's son, Samuel, was born in Hampton, this county, in 1679. Paul Chapman, son of the latter Samuel, born in 1704, was the great-grandfather of the Rev. Mr. Chapman. Paul's birthplace was a farm, situated about a half-mile south of the Greenland (N.H.) parade ground. A cooper by trade, he was also a capable farmer. He purchased the homestead farm, and there were born all his children. The grandfather, Job Chapman, was born on the Greenland farm in 1747. He passed the greater part of his long life, which embraced ninety years, engaged in agriculture, and died in 1837. He was married in 1771 to Penelope Philbrook, of Greenland, who was born in Hampton in 1751, and died in Greenland in 1838. Both are buried in the churchyard at Tamworth. They reared six sons and one daughter, all of whom attained maturity, and, except one, married and established comfortable farm homes. One son, who was an innkeeper, held a public office in the town.

Samuel Chapman was born in Greenland, May 11, 1781, his life, which was mainly spent in agricultural pursuits, terminating October 30, 1857. His wife, Elizabeth, whom he married July 10, 1808, a daughter of Levi and Joanna (Weeks) Folsom, was also of English extraction. Her immigrant ancestor was John Folsom, whose son John had a son Jeremiah, who was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Chapman. Jeremiah resided in New Market, this county, accumulated considerable wealth in business, and was a prominent man in the community. He was a follower of Whitefield. His son, Colonel Jeremiah Folsom, Mrs. Chapman's grandfather, was a wealthy ship-builder and merchant of New Market. Mrs. Samuel Chapman died in August, 1821. Her children were five in number, three sons and two daughters. Of these the Rev. Mr. Chapman and his sister Elizabeth, who is the wife of James J. Chesley, of Tamworth, are the only survivors. The other sons — John, a lawyer, and Samuel, a doctor — went to Missouri between 1840 and 1845. Samuel was murdered there. The Rev. Mr. Chapman's father married for his second wife Mary Hoit, who bore him one daughter, Joanna W., now deceased, who was the wife of Jeremiah Chadwick. Surviving this wife also, Samuel married Mrs. Betsey Gilman.

The Rev. Jacob Chapman spent his early years on the home farm. In 1827 he entered Phillips Exeter Academy, where he prepared for college. He was able to defray his expenses by teaching in his leisure hours, and assisted by a grant of seventy dollars from the academy endowment fund, at that time much smaller than it is at present. He entered Dartmouth at the age of twenty-one, and graduated with honors in 1835. His father, who had loaned him money to help him through college, taking his notes for the amount and interest, afterward cancelled the bills. After graduating from Dartmouth, he taught one year in Lyndon, Vt., after which he qualified in theology at Andover, becoming thoroughly grounded in the doctrines of the Congregational faith. His first pastoral charge was at Pelham, N.H., where on account of ill-health he remained but a short time. He subsequently taught for a while in Pennsylvania, and was for some time professor in Franklin College of that State, teaching in all some fifteen years. During that time he also preached frequently. Several years of his life have been devoted to literary work, chiefly genealogical and biographical, necessitating much labor and research. His works include: a "History of the Folsom Family," three hundred octavo pages (1882); the "Philbrick Genealogy," over two hundred pages; the "History of the Weeks Family," two hundred pages; the "Lane Genealogy," first volume, three hundred pages; and the "Chapman Genealogy," one hundred and forty pages. Mr. Chapman is in independent circumstances. Now resting from years of arduous toil, his chief recreation consists in doing good. Though slight and frail in constitution, and his memory of recent events is becoming treacherous, he is gifted with tenacious vitality, and is still active.

He was married in Bridgton, Me., in 1840, to Mary C. Howe, who was an invalid during the greater part of her married life of thirty years. In 1871 he was again married in Strat-

ham, N.H., to Mary E. Lane, of South New Market. His home at 7 Main Street, where he has lived for seventeen years, is one of the historic houses of the city, being over one hundred years old.

FRANK D. WILSON, a prominent and popular citizen of Salem, Rockingham County, was born in this town, February 15, 1858, son of Aaron G. and Abbie (Bailey) Wilson. His father was a native of Pelham, N.H., and his mother of Haverhill, Mass. Aaron G. Wilson came to Salem when over thirty years of age, accompanied by his mother. He married and settled on the farm now occupied by his son, Frank D., and remained here until his death in 1889. Of his children, two sons and a daughter survive: Abbie J., the wife of Edmund Vittum, of Sandwich, N.H.; Alonzo G.; and Frank D. The mother, now past seventy years of age, is living with her younger son.

Frank D. Wilson remained on the home farm until twenty-one years old, making the best of his limited opportunities for obtaining an education. On leaving home, he secured a position as clerk in a store, and was thus employed for a number of years, four of which were spent in Salem. He subsequently went into business for himself in this town, in partnership with Fred C. Buxton, under the firm name of Buxton & Wilson, which connection continued for three years. He then went to Haverhill, Mass., and engaged as a clerk for F. C. Wilson & Co., grocery dealers, for whom he worked about five years, returning to the old homestead in the spring of 1890. At present he is profitably engaged with his brother, A. G. Wilson, in farming and the milk business.

He married Miss Etta L. Foster, of Salem, daughter of John P. Foster.

Mr. Wilson is serving his fourth term as Selectman, being also Chairman of that board. An active politician, he was elected on the Republican ticket as a Representative to the Lower House of the State legislature in 1894, and served with credit to himself and profit to his constituents. He is a member of the Masonic Order, also of Salem Grange.

NELSON ORDWAY, of Hampstead, a retired merchant who has done much to further the progress of the town, was born in Hampstead, July 31, 1821, son of John and Eliza S. (Chase) Ordway. His grandfather, John Ordway, who was a native of West Newbury, Mass., was the first of the family to settle permanently in Hampstead. Some time previous to 1792 John took charge of the farm on Governor's Island for a gentleman in Newbury or Newburyport, who owned the island and used it for a summer residence. About the year 1794 he settled on a farm of his own in Hampstead, which contained about seventy acres, much of it wild land; and the rest of his life was devoted to clearing it and rendering the soil arable. A part of this land is now owned by his grandson. He took a prominent place among the town fathers, voting with the Whigs, and was Tax Collector for a number of years. In 1776, though but fifteen years old then, he joined the Revolutionary army; and his widow's name is on the pension list. He died in 1832. He married Sarah Rogers, of West Newbury, Mass., who lived to be over fourscore years of age. She was a member of the Congregational church in Hampstead, which her husband attended. Six of their children attained maturity.

John Ordway, the second of his parents' children, was born on Governor's Island, Hampstead, July 14, 1792. He worked on his father's farm until he attained his majority, and then learned the wheelwright's trade in Hampstead. For many years he was engaged in the manufacture of wagons, taking his goods back into the country to sell. Subsequently he was in business as a manufacturer of chip hats in Hampstead, and was one of the first to engage in the industry of making palm-leaf hats. In 1829 he established a general store in the town under his own name. His trade yearly increased; and in 1846 he took his son Nelson into partnership, changing the firm name to John Ordway & Son. Another change was made some time later, when another son, John D., was taken into the firm, which then became John Ordway & Co. After this a flourishing business was conducted for a number of years, and then Mr. Ordway retired,



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spending the rest of his life in leisure on the home farm. He was President of the Derry Bank at Derry, N.H., and was in office at the time it became the Derry National Bank; and he served for a number of years on the Board of Trustees of the Hampstead High School. He was designated trustee in the will of Benjamin D. Emerson, approved in 1872, which bequeathed to the town the fund for the erection of the High School. Mr. Ordway was active in politics as a Whig and a Republican. He served as Selectman of Hampstead for a number of years, and filling other town offices; and he was State Representative in 1846 and 1854, and State Senator in 1857 and 1858. He died November 8, 1881. On January 19, 1819, he married Eliza S. Chase, daughter of Joseph and Emma (Chase) Chase, of West Newbury, Mass. She died January 21, 1873, her wedded life covering almost exactly fifty-four years. She was a member of the Congregational church. She had six children, of whom Nelson is the only one now living.

Nelson Ordway acquired his education in the schools of his native town, and at Plymouth Academy and Pinkerton Academy of Derry. After leaving school, he worked as clerk for his father for a short time, and then, after a season of rest necessitated by ill-health, took an active part in the business as partner. Thereafter he was one of the prime movers of the enterprise until 1860, when he sold his interest to his brother, and engaged in lumbering for a few years. The care of his father's property devolving upon him, he was gradually drawn into the business of settling estates for others; and in the course of time, being a Justice of the Peace, he had considerable work of that kind to do. Mr. Ordway has large landed interests in Hampstead and other places. He has the confidence and respect of his townsmen, and has been for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hampstead High School.

On August 21, 1851, Mr. Ordway was married to Elizabeth P., daughter of Humphrey and Betsey (Low) Choate, of Derry. She was one of six children, of whom the only other survivor is her sister, Abby M., who resides in Derry. Mrs. Ordway has had two children, of whom Henry C., born August 8, 1856, is living. He is engaged in the heavy hardware business in Boston, as a member of the firm of Butts & Ordway, and resides in Winchester, Mass. He married Fanny, daughter of the late Rev. Henry M. Scudder, of Winchester, and has four children, namely: Philip S., born March 14, 1887; Elizabeth I., born December 30, 1888; Catherine L., born July 26, 1890; and Helen F., born October 2, 1893. Mr. Nelson Ordway is a Republican. He has served as Selectman for a number of terms, and has efficiently filled the office of Chairman of the board; and he represented the district in the legislature of 1862 and 1863. A public-spirited man, he is always ready to aid any enterprise likely to benefit the town, and he has contributed generously toward the erection of the new public library building.

GEORGE WOODBURY, a prominent resident of Salem Depot, was born in Salem, this county, February 1, 1819, son of Asa and Sarah (Thom) Woodbury, both of whom were natives of Salem. Captain Israel Woodbury, grandfather of George, served in the War of Independence under Washington. The family were among the first settlers of this town. Asa Woodbury was a mason by trade, and also engaged in farming to some extent. He was highly respected in the town, and served acceptably as Selectman. His death occurred May 17, 1847. Two of his four children, George and Isaac, survive him. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

George Woodbury attended the common schools of Salem, and later a seminary at New Market, N.H. He then settled down to the duties of life, choosing for his occupations hotel-keeping and farming. On October 7, 1841, Mr. Woodbury was united in marriage with Miss Mary K. Emerson, who was born in Salem, February 29, 1820, daughter of Leonard and Mehitable (Merrill) Emerson. Mr. Emerson was a native of Haverhill, Mass., and his wife, of Salem, N.H. Mrs. Emerson's father, Joshua Merrill, was one of the pioneers of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury

have lost their only child, Charles S. Woodbury. They celebrated their golden wedding in 1891; but the years have borne lightly upon them, and they still enjoy a good degree of health. Mr. Woodbury is a prominent member and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem Depot, which he also serves in the capacities of Steward and Trustee. His membership dates back over half a century, he being one of the founders of the church. Mrs. Woodbury was also one of its first members. She is likewise a zealous worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union at Salem Depot. This aged couple are popular in Salem society, and have numerous friends and acquaintances. In politics Mr. Woodbury has supported the Republican party since its formation.

THOMAS STEVENS, one of Nottingham's best known residents, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, February 16, 1830, son of Daniel B. and Betsey M. (Butler) Stevens. Mr. Stevens's great-grandfather, Joshua Stevens, who was born in Stratham, N.H., in 1737, became a resident of Nottingham when he was ten years old, the town being then in its infancy. He married Annie Harvey, daughter of Robert Harvey, of Nottingham, who emigrated to this country in 1726, and reared a family of five children. Joshua's eldest son, Thomas Stevens, was born in Nottingham, February 2, 1764. He assisted his father in carrying on the farm, clearing a large portion of the six hundred acres which he eventually inherited. The remainder of his active period was spent in managing the property. In politics he was a Whig, and he figured prominently in public affairs as Selectman and Town Treasurer. He died at the age of eighty-three years, leaving a good estate. In his religious belief he was a Universalist. He married Betsey Barber, a native of Epping, this county, and was the father of two children, of whom but Daniel B. reached maturity. The mother died May 26, 1826.

Daniel B. Stevens was born in Nottingham, March 14, 1803. At an early age he began to work upon the farm with his father, residing there until his marriage, which took place March 2, 1827. He then bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres, where he resided for seventeen years. The rest of his life was spent on the ancestral home. He was a capable and successful agriculturist. Originally a Whig in politics, he affiliated with the Republicans after the formation of that party. He served as a Selectman for several years, and represented his district in the State legislature for two terms. He was also prominent in society, was a member of the Baptist church, and he lived to the age of eighty years. He married Betsey M. Butler, of Nottingham, daughter of John and Sally (Batchelder) Butler, and a half-sister of the late General Benjamin F. Butler. She is also a granddaughter of Zephaniah Butler, one of the first settlers of Nottingham. She bore her husband seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Elizabeth Barber, now the widow of the late Colonel John B. Batchelder, of Gilmanton, N.H., and residing in Hyde Park, Mass.; Thomas, the subject of this sketch; Amanda, who is now residing at the homestead; John Butler, who married Jane Lucy, and resides in San José, Cal.; Charlotte Butler, who resides in Washington, D.C.; and Walter Daniel, residing in Derry, N.H., who married Martha Shute of that town, and has three children — Elizabeth Butler, Harold Edward, and Mildred. The mother, now eighty-eight years old, is living at the homestead.

Thomas Stevens began his education in the district schools of his native town. After completing his studies at the Pembroke Academy, he returned to his father's farm, where he has since resided. He now owns several hundred acres of land, a large portion of which he has successfully devoted to general farming. He has been twice married. On June 19, 1850, he wedded Sarah J. Sanborn, daughter of Benjamin Sanborn, of Deerfield, N.H., and became the father of four children. These are: Blanche, born January 11, 1851; Edward Sanborn, born December 16, 1855, who married Caroline Pike, daughter of Warren Pike, of Sanbornton, and has one daughter, Charlotte B.; Alice Butler, who is the wife of Charles Greenleaf Carlton, M.D., of Law-

rence, Mass., and has one son, Francis Cogswell; and Andrew Butler, born January 19, 1867, who married Grace Pike, a sister of Edward's wife. The mother died April 26, 1878. On December 13, 1892, Mr. Stevens contracted his second marriage with Mrs. Sarah J. Nealley, who was born December 4, 1855, daughter of Peter Rowell, of Hookset, N.H.

In politics Mr. Stevens is an active and influential supporter of the Democratic party. He has rendered good service to the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen, besides holding other important local offices; and he served with ability for two years as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives from this district. He has labored diligently for the best interests of the community, and is highly respected for his public services. Both he and Mrs. Stevens attend the Universalist church.

REV. WILLIAM A. PATTEN, a well-known Congregational clergyman, is resting from his evangelical labors in Kingston, Rockingham County, N.H. He was born June 28, 1815, and is now over fourscore years old. He is a son of Aaron and Sarah (Chase) Patten, both natives and lifelong residents of Kingston, and on his father's side is descended from Samuel Colcord, one of the original grantees of the town of Kingston. Samuel Colcord, second, born in 1710, married in 1732 Mehitable Ladd, who was born in 1713. Their daughter, Mehitable Colcord, born in 1751, was married in 1774 to William Patten, grandfather of the Rev. William A. Patten. Grandfather Patten was a wheelwright, and worked at his trade in Kingston during his active life. He and his wife died, and were buried in Kingston.

Aaron Patten, son of William Patten, died in Kingston in 1823. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Chase Patten, died June 4, 1845. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Louisa (deceased), wife of the Rev. William P. Gale, who also is dead; Mary, who died June 22, 1892; Susan E., who died January 10, 1894; Sarah A., who died April 27, 1893, wife of the Rev. Abel Wood, of Westminster, Mass.; William A., the subject of this sketch; Charles, who died in childhood; Rachel P., living in Cedar Rapids, Ia.; and Martha, wife of the Rev. Ezra Newton, of St. Paul, Minn.

William A. Patten paid his way through the academy, college, and theological seminary. He graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1843; from the Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass., in 1846; and he was ordained over the Congregational church in Deerfield, N.H., in June, 1850. Subsequently he went to California, preaching six months in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco and two years at Grass Valley. He was then obliged to rest from pulpit duty for a while on account of his voice failing, and returned East. He was appointed and served as Chaplain in the regiment of Thirty-second Maine Volunteers. On receiving his discharge from military service, he became pastor of the church at Williamsburg, Ia. After this he was recalled to the church in Deerfield, N.H. His next charge was at Raymond, N.H.; and after three years of earnest work there he was obliged to retire, the old trouble, voice failure, making rest necessary. Mr. Patten's early life was one of unceasing toil; and, while struggling to meet his own expenses, he aided his mother and sisters. By economy and good judgment in business matters he has managed to accumulate a competency; and in 1880 he built his present residence, which is one of the handsomest in Kingston. He has gathered some valuable specimens of natural history, including many animals and birds, which are tastefully mounted, and may be seen at his home; and the large and rare collection which he has presented to Sanborn Seminary in Kingston will make his name one long to be remembered with gratitude. In politics Mr. Patten is a Republican. He takes an especially active part in educational affairs.

BENJAMIN W. DOW, an industrious and successful agriculturist of Exeter, was born here, October 24, 1826, son of Richard and Jemima (Worthen) Dow. Mr. Dow, on both the paternal and

maternal sides, is a representative of old English-American families of New England and of this vicinity. He traces back his family history to the early Colonial period. The first settlement of the Dow family in America was made on territory now included in Salisbury, Mass. A lineal descendant of the Salisbury man was Benjamin Dow, the paternal grandfather of Benjamin W. Grandfather Dow was a resident of Kensington, Rockingham County.

Richard Dow, who was a native of Kensington, removed thence in 1816 to Exeter, where during his subsequent life he was industriously engaged in general agriculture and lumbering. He married Miss Jemima Worthen, daughter of Enoch Worthen, of Kensington, who was born in 1750. Enoch, who served in the Revolutionary army, was a son of Ezekiel Worthen, a commissioned officer in the same army. The history of the Worthen family in this country goes back to the early settlements, and shows the members of the successive generations, without exception, to have been lovers of the land and home. Richard Dow and his wife passed practically all their lives in this county. He was, however, an officer in the militia, and served in the War of 1812, being stationed at Portsmouth, N.H. He died in 1861, and his wife in 1867.

Benjamin W. Dow attained to manhood on the paternal farm. He enjoyed very limited educational advantages, being obliged very early in life to apply himself to mercantile pursuits. Brought up amid agricultural scenes and occupations, he naturally chose the calling of farmer; and he has been very actively engaged in that pursuit throughout his life. His farm of forty acres shows everywhere indications of the success with which he has managed it.

In 1857 Mr. Dow was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Locke, daughter of Samuel Locke, who was a native of Hampton, this county. Two of their children are living — Josephine Plummer and Charles Howard. Josephine is a well-known and efficient teacher in the Exeter schools. Charles Howard, who is a graduate of Harvard College and has travelled very extensively in foreign countries, is at present pursuing a course in law at Harvard. The father has never aspired to social or political distinction. In national politics he is affiliated with the Democratic party. He is unqualifiedly opposed to monopolies of whatever sort, and is a loyal adherent of Mr. Cleveland and his administration. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and both he and his wife are associated with the North Hampton Congregational church. Mr. Dow, now in his seventieth year, is physically the equal of many men at fifty. He never purchased a drop of liquor at a bar, and for fifty years has not tasted either tea or coffee. He attributes his unusual strength and healthfulness to his very abstemious habits. He is highly respected in the town. Among many other interesting souvenirs of the past, he and his wife treasure a copy of the Boston *Gazette* published on Monday, April 30, 1770, and a copy of the Essex *Journal* and New Hampshire *Packet*, published July 5, 1776, the day after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

JAMES H. KELSEY, a well-known agriculturist of Nottingham, is a native of the town, born June 17, 1855, son of John and Elizabeth (Gile) Kelsey. On the paternal side he is of Scotch extraction. His great-great-grandfather, William Kelsey, who was of Scotch parentage, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1726, and settled in Nottingham with the original pioneers. He purchased a large tract of land, a portion of which he cleared, and thereon erected a dwelling that may still be seen. His son, James, who was born on the paternal farm, there spent his entire lifetime, principally occupied in general husbandry. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Harvey) Kelsey, also a native of Nottingham, became the parents of six children, of whom John Kelsey, Sr., the grandfather of James H., was the third by birth. John Kelsey, who was born in Nottingham, October 5, 1771, after the acquiring of his education engaged in school-teaching for several years. He subsequently established himself in business in a general country store at Waterboro, York County, Me., but later returned to his native town, and was

there occupied in farming to the close of his life. On January 31, 1802, he married Mary Roberts, a native of Waterboro, who was born December 12, 1780, and became the father of seven children. Of these the sole survivor is Mrs. Mary Dow, who was born November 19, 1814, and who now resides at Providence, R.I., being the widow of the late Stephen Dow, of that city. Mrs. Dow's children are: Kelsey, Louise, Delia, and Mary. Louise is now Mrs. Turtelott, of Providence; and Mary is Mrs. Wilson, and also resides in Providence. Both parents were members of the Baptist church of Nottingham. The father passed away in December, 1819; and his wife, after surviving him many years, died in March, 1865.

John Kelsey was born at the old homestead, July 24, 1810, and was engaged there all his life in general agriculture. He was very industrious and progressive, and at his decease left a large amount of property. In March, 1836, he united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gile, born at Nottingham, June 14, 1813, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gile. Of this marriage there came six children, all of whom still survive. They are: Laura A., born February 14, 1839; John W., born September 4, 1841; Eliza, born December 6, 1844, who is now the wife of E. B. Gould, of Nashua, N.H.; Hiram, born September 16, 1847; Ichabod R., born April 20, 1851; and James H., the subject of this sketch. Hiram joined in wedlock with Miss Evelyn Leavitt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan H. Leavitt, of New Market, N.H.; and they have two children — Edith and Harry. Ichabod wedded Miss Martha A. Bartlett, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bartlett, of Lee, N.H., and has three sons — Arthur, Frank, and John. In politics John Kelsey affiliated with the Republican party. His religious faith took him into association with the Universalists of Nottingham, while his wife was in communion with the Baptist church of the same town. He departed this life October 3, 1884; and his wife, October 11, 1883.

James H. Kelsey obtained his education in the public schools of his native town. At the termination of his schooling he learned in Lebanon, N.H., the tailor's trade, which he followed for three years. Returning then to the old homestead at Nottingham, he has been since engaged in general farming. The estate contains one hundred and twenty-five acres, eighty of which he keeps under state of cultivation. He also has a fine apple orchard of about an acre and a half, which yields an abundant crop of Baldwins. He is associated with the Patrons of Husbandry in the Nottingham Grange. His opinions concerning the general national affairs bring him into relationship with the Republican party. In religious faith he is a Universalist, and is a member of the Nottingham society of that denomination.

WILLARD E. PAUL, who is engaged in the sale of kitchen furnishings and heating apparatus in Portsmouth, although one of the youngest, is one of the most successful business men of this city. He was born in Kittery, York County, Me., in the month of April, 1863, and is a son of Warrenton and Sarah A. E. (Fernald) Paul.

His grandfather, Ira Paul, who was a native of Eliot, York County, Me., spent many years of his life in Portsmouth, where he followed the trade of a ship carpenter. He lived to be about eighty years old. He was the father of seven children, six sons and a daughter, of whom Warrenton was the eldest. Warrenton Paul was born in Eliot, Me. He received a common-school education, and learned the trade of a ship carpenter, being employed at the navy yard in this city for a number of years. He died here at the age of seventy-four. His wife, Sarah, was a daughter of Samuel Fernald, of Kittery. Twelve children, six sons and six daughters, were born to them, of whom Willard E. was the eighth in the order of birth.

Willard E. Paul acquired his education in the common schools of Portsmouth, the Kittery High School, Smith Academy of Portsmouth, and at the Commercial College in this city. He then secured a position as clerk with the Barstow Stove Company of Boston, Mass., with whom he remained between nine and ten years. When he had been with them six months, he was made assistant book-keeper, and at the end of a year became travelling

salesman, and spent eight years on the road. On December 3, 1890, he resigned his position, and, coming to Portsmouth, bought out the Taylor Kitchen Furniture Company. A year later he added steam-heating, and the business is now about three times its magnitude at the time of his purchase. He occupies the five floors of his building, carries a large line of kitchen furniture and heating apparatus, and employs on an average forty-eight men. On June 20, 1887, Mr. Paul was united in marriage with Miss Anna L. Holmes, a daughter of Joseph R. Holmes, of Portsmouth. They have one child.

Mr. Paul is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; also of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ELIPHALET COBURN, a well-to-do farmer and dealer in real estate at North Salem, was born at Milford, N.H., November 20, 1818, son of Job and Abiah (Corliss) Coburn. His father was a native of Dracut, Mass., and his mother of Salem, N.H. Job Coburn came to Salem with his family in 1823. For a few years he resided in the southern part of the town, but came eventually to North Salem, where he died. His wife bore him three sons, named respectively Albertus, Rawson, and Eliphalet, all of whom grew up to be honored and respected citizens, Eliphalet being now the only survivor. Rawson was at one time Postmaster of Salem, and both he and Albertus served on the Board of Selectmen.

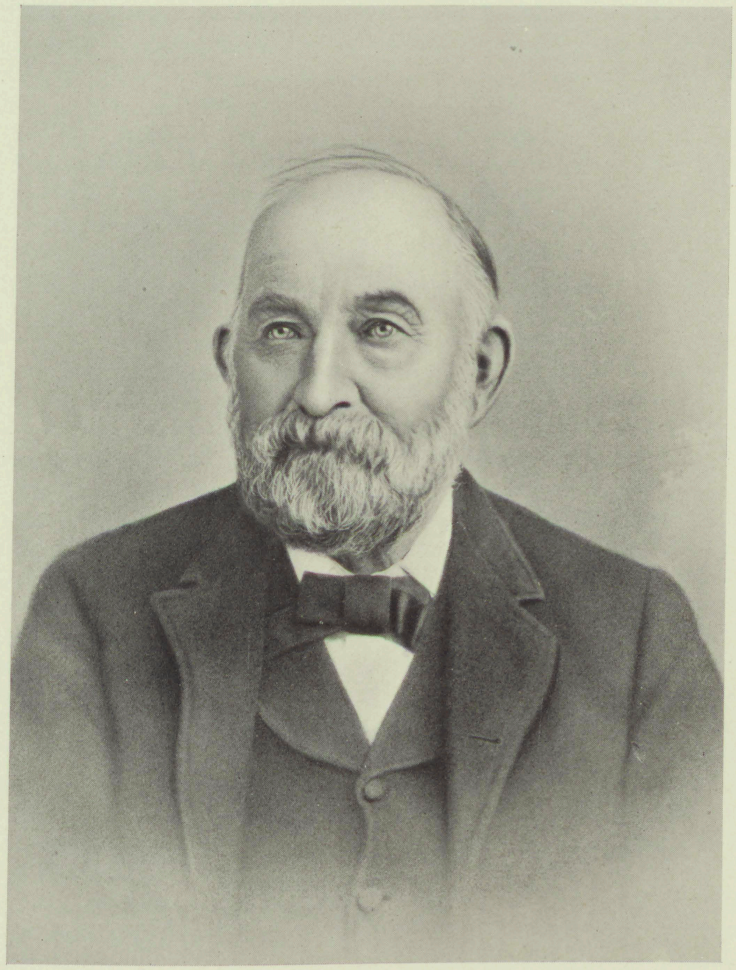
Eliphalet Coburn's opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited; but, being of an ambitious nature, he made the best of them, and contrived to pick up some crumbs of knowledge. He remained on the farm with his parents until his twentieth year, and then learned shoemaking, at which trade he was employed for the next ten years. For a few years also he worked by the month as farm hand. He subsequently rented a farm, and still later purchased a place of his own, which he carried on very successfully until he retired from active labor a few years ago, having by persevering industry and economy acquired an ample competence.

Mr. Coburn has twice married. His first wife was by maiden name Miss Abiah Bailey. After her death he married Mrs. Augusta A. Edwards, widow of the late Benjamin W. Edwards. By her first marriage Mrs. Coburn has one daughter, Harriet C. In politics Mr. Coburn is a stanch Democrat. He is a useful and much esteemed citizen; and his portrait, which is here presented, will interest many readers of this volume.

SAMUEL STEVENS DUDLEY was born July 5, 1853, in the town of Brentwood, on the homestead where he still lives, a son of Andrew Gilman Dudley. This town was also the place of nativity of his great-grandfather, John Dudley, and of his grandfather, Samuel Dudley, he being a representative of the seventh generation of the family to reside on this homestead. Samuel Dudley died July 3, 1833. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorothy Morrell, died in 1832, leaving two children: Andrew Gilman, born May 7, 1821; and William, born January 11, 1828. The latter died when but twenty-six years of age.

On December 20, 1847, Andrew Gilman Dudley married Catherine Sleeper Stevens, born February 25, 1821, a daughter of Fifield and Nancy (Brown) Stevens. Her father was a native of Brentwood, and her mother of Kingston, N.H. They had three children: Ariana Sleeper, born July 10, 1850, now living in Concord, N.H.; Samuel Stevens, born July 5, 1853; and Nancy Fifield, born April 28, 1856, died December 11, 1893, leaving a husband, Abbott Laurence Carlisle, and five children, namely: Clinton Dudley, born January 17, 1878; Laurence Andrew, born September 2, 1884; Katherine Stevens, born January 21, 1889; Dorothy Morrell, born December 16, 1890; and Sumner, born June 14, 1892.

Samuel Stevens Dudley was married October 4, 1887, to Clara Ella Whidden, who was born in Stratham, N.H., June 1, 1860. Her parents were John Frederick and Mary Eleanor Whidden, the former born in Portsmouth, N.H., and the latter in Somersworth, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have one child—Frances Whidden, born August 12, 1891.



ELIPHALET COBURN.

JAMES EWINS, the efficient Town Treasurer of Salem and a prosperous general merchant of this place, was born here, November 25, 1860, son of James and Mary (Bean) Ewins. His father was a native of Salem, and his mother of Warner, N.H. John C. Ewins, his grandfather, was a pioneer merchant of Salem, and carried on a successful business here for upward of half a century. He served as Selectman for a number of years, and was one of the leading citizens of the town. Born in the opening year of this century, he lived to be eighty-eight years old. John Ewins, the great-grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Londonderry, N.H., whence he came to Salem in 1802, being the first of the family to locate in this town. James Ewins, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, was a merchant by occupation; but his business career was short, as he lived to be but thirty years of age.

After acquiring a common-school education, which was supplemented by a course at a Boston business college, James Ewins took up the life of a merchant, and, with the exception of about four years, has since been engaged in this line of business. He carries a good general stock, comprising everything usually found in a first-class country store, and has a thriving trade, conducting his business in a manner calculated to increase his patronage. For his first wife Mr. Ewins married Miss Mary F. Bodwell, who bore him one daughter, Dorothy. His present wife was before marriage Miss Ida E. Willey, of Lawrence, Mass. Mr. Ewins has served as Town Clerk, and is now serving his third term as Treasurer. He is a Mason, being connected with the lodge in this place, and also belongs to Salem Grange. In politics he is a Republican.

HON. CHARLES P. BERRY, a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, N.H., and well known in the political, business, and social circles, not only of this city, but of the cities of Lynn and Boston, was born October 16, 1840, in Lynn.

His father, John W. Berry, was an esteemed resident of Lynn. He was a man of deep religious convictions, exemplifying in his daily life the teachings of the Congregational church, of which he was Deacon for many years. Deacon Berry died while yet in the prime of manhood, in 1852, leaving his widow, whose maiden name was Annie W. Gale, with six children, among them being the present John W. Berry, of Lynn, a graduate of Harvard College, now Judge of the Municipal Court in his native city.

Charles P. Berry, the fourth child born to his parents, was but ten years old when he had the misfortune to be deprived of a father's care and guidance. As his older brother was naturally weak and delicate in health, upon him devolved the duty of helping his widowed mother support her little family. On this account he was obliged to leave the day school, where he had already made good progress in his studies, and complete his educational course in the evening schools. Making good use of his time in the latter, he acquired a practical knowledge of the various branches of learning there taught, and with his subsequent course of reading has become a well-informed man, and well fitted for a business career. When but eleven years old, this manly boy entered the shoe shop of his uncle, Charles P. Gale, and there obtained the rudiments of his present extensive knowledge of the shoe and leather business. Two years later he began work for S. M. Bubier, who owned one of the largest shoe factories in Lynn; and while there Mr. Berry became thoroughly conversant with the various branches of shoe manufacturing. While yet in his minority, he was offered the position of foreman of the cutting-room in the large factory of Bancroft & Purinton, in the same city; and this he filled acceptably until his promotion to the office of superintendent of the factory.

In 1870 Mr. Berry resigned the place he had so long occupied to become Vice-President and General Manager of the Davis Shoe Company, which he managed successfully for some fifteen years. In 1885 he became associated in business with the Hon. Frank Jones, Charles A. St. Clair, and Charles H. Mendum, and formed what is so extensively known throughout the country as the Portsmouth

Shoe Company, of which he is one of the principal stockholders. Under his energetic and sagacious management the affairs of this corporation have prospered, until now it is one of the leading industries of the city, turning out more work in women's, misses', and children's footwear than any other factory in this country, and, it is thought, in the world. When running at full capacity, the factory produces ten thousand five hundred pairs of shoes per diem; and at no time is the output less than six thousand pairs. Employment is given to twelve hundred hands, who are kept busy the most of the year. Mr. Berry has the reputation among business men of being more thoroughly acquainted with the details of the different departments of his business than any other shoe manufacturer in the country, and his phenomenal success in this line is attributed solely to his natural capacity and his close attention to business.

A man of Mr. Berry's calibre, push, and progressive spirit, necessarily occupies a place of pre-eminence in any community. Being often called upon to aid in the guidance of civic affairs, he has held many offices of trust, serving with distinction in each. As one of the leading members of the Democratic party, he has been no unimportant factor in forwarding its interests. While a resident of his native city, he served as Alderman two years; and he has occupied the same position in the municipal government of Portsmouth for two years. For two years he was Mayor of this city, and in 1890 he represented his district in the State legislature, serving with credit to himself and to the honor of his constituents in each office. He is also well known and influential in financial circles, being a Director of one of the leading banks of Portsmouth, of which the Hon. Frank Jones is President. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Golden Fleece Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lynn; to Royal Arch Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Lynn; and to DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templars of Boston, Mass. He is also a member of the Bay State Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Lynn, in which he has held all of the chairs. He likewise belongs to the Boston Board of Trade. Religiously, he is identified by membership with the Congregational church at Lynn.

Mr. Berry has been twice married. His first wife was Sarah M. Bradley, of Lynn, now deceased. Twelve years after her death he married Miss Annie L. Church, daughter of Daniel Church, of Portsmouth. Of this happy union has been born one child, a son, Frank J.

JAMES DOOLEY, an industrious farmer and highly respected citizen of Londonderry, who died at his home in this town, July 13, 1895, was born in Ireland, October 11, 1831. When a boy, he came with relatives to the United States. After obtaining a common-school education, he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for several years. He came to Londonderry in 1848, and some years later took to farming, settling upon a farm of seventy-three acres, where the rest of his life was passed. He possessed a natural capacity for labor, and succeeded in establishing a comfortable home for his family. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the town, and lent his aid and influence to promote all measures calculated to develop its resources or otherwise benefit the community. Politically, he was a Republican. Within the home circle he was a loving husband and wise father, of an unselfish nature, and ready to make any personal sacrifice to insure the happiness of his loved ones. His death leaves a vacancy which for those who knew him can never be filled.

On July 10, 1855, Mr. Dooley married Martha J. Goodwin, who was born in Londonderry, N.H., a daughter of Joshua and Mary (Jones) Goodwin. Her father was a native of this town, and her mother of Wilton, N.H. The Goodwin family is among the best in this locality. Mrs. Dooley's grandfather, Joshua Goodwin, first, was a lifelong resident of Londonderry, and a prominent citizen, active in promoting the public weal. The representatives of the family in the present generation also are well and favorably known. Mrs. Dooley has been the mother of seven children, namely: Frank J., who is no longer living; Clara A., wife of Gorham Storer; Ella J., now

Mrs. James Douglass; Ida A., wife of Charles Peters; George N.; Martha L.; and Charles J. She still resides at the homestead, which is carried on by her sons, who are energetic and progressive farmers, enjoying the esteem and good will of their neighbors.

WILLIAM SLADEN, a store-keeper of Portsmouth, was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, May 16, 1820. At the age of twelve years he removed to Yorkshire, England, and subsequently travelled all through that country. He began his business career at the age of fourteen, working as a wool-sorter in Nettlebridge, England, for a number of years. Later he followed the same trade in Preston, Lancashire. Familiar with politics from his youth up, he was an advanced liberal. In 1851 he enlisted in the Seventeenth Regiment of foot soldiers, going to the Crimea. At the battle of Inkerman he was wounded, receiving an injury to his arm. He was sent back to England, where after his recovery he re-enlisted, and was assigned to garrison duty there. In 1858 he came to America, settling in Troy, N.Y., and working at his trade for a Mr. Henry Thornton. Later he removed to Cohoes, in the same State, and after a short stay there went to Philadelphia. In 1859 he came to Portsmouth as an employee in the Rockingham woollen-mills, where he remained until the mills were destroyed by fire some years afterward. Mr. Sladen then started his present store at 8 Bartlett Street, where he deals in groceries, keeping a good stock, and enjoying a thriving trade. In politics he is a Republican, but has never held office. About eight years ago he was nominated for Representative, and came within seventeen votes of election. In 1895 he ran for Alderman, but lost by seven votes, his ward being Democratic. Mr. Sladen is an enthusiastic member of the Portsmouth Cricket Club, and still plays, at the age of seventy-six, being probably the oldest cricketer in New England. He is hale and hearty, and the equal in physical energy of many a younger man. He walks with a firm step, uses no glasses, and has remarkably good hearing, his faculties being apparently as good as ever.

ELBRIDGE G. MARSTON, a farmer and a respected resident of Nottingham, was born here, April 27, 1836, son of John H. and May (Thompson) Marston. His grandfather, John Marston, a native of Hampton, N.H., who was a carpenter, followed his trade for many years at Portsmouth, N.H. Grandfather Marston subsequently came to Nottingham, where he purchased a farm now occupied by Elbridge G., and thereon erected a grist-mill and saw-mill. An industrious and thrifty man, he had accumulated a considerable property before his death. He married Miss Nancy Hill, of Stratham, N.H. The union was blessed in the birth of seven children, all of whom attained maturity, played their parts in life, and passed off the stage. John Marston participated very actively in the affairs of the town, and served his fellow-citizens in many of the important public offices. In national politics he followed the Whig party. He took broad and liberal views of religious questions. His death occurred in his seventy-sixth year, and that of his wife when she was fourscore.

John H. Marston, the eldest son and the second child of his parents, was born September 3, 1801, in Nottingham, where he subsequently spent the most of his life. At first he engaged in school-teaching, and followed this calling in his native State for nineteen terms. He then purchased a farm in Nottingham, where he carried on general husbandry throughout the remainder of his life. He also worked intermittently in his father's mills. In due time his industry and economy placed him in comfortable circumstances. He was twice married. About the year 1832 he was joined in matrimony with Miss May Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Job Thompson, of Lee, N.H., born in 1805. Of this union came three children, two of whom are yet living. These are: Daniel, born February 17, 1832; and Elbridge G., the subject of this sketch. Daniel wedded Miss Lizzie Blaisdell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Blaisdell, of Deerfield, N.H., and became the father of six children. Mrs. John Marston having passed away June 8, 1846, her surviving husband contracted his second marriage with Miss Sarah Ann McDaniel, a

native of Barrington, N.H. None of the children of this union are now alive. Mrs. Marston resides in Nottingham. In politics her husband was a Republican. He was highly respected, and served the community in the capacities of Town Treasurer and Selectman. His first wife was in fellowship with the Christian Baptist church of Nottingham. He died December 30, 1876, in his seventy-sixth year.

Elbridge G. Marston received his education in the common schools of Nottingham and Deerfield. He was then employed in his father's mills for several years. Subsequently he removed to the paternal estate, on which he now resides. On February 7, 1860, he married Miss Martha A. Noble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, of Epping, N.H. She was the fifth-born of her parents' six children, three of whom are now living. Her mother's maiden name was Eliza Kelsey. Both her parents are deceased. Mrs. Marston has had two children, namely: Maud, born July 20, 1876, who died August 26, 1883; and Mabel, born December 24, 1862, and who is now the wife of Merrill S. Vittum, of Haverhill, Mass., and has one child —Joseph E., born June 30, 1880. Mr. Marston, who is counted among the leading men of Nottingham, has the cordial esteem of all who know him. In national politics he follows the Republican party. In religion he is a Universalist, and his wife is in fellowship with the Congregational church of Lee, N.H.

REV. ELIJAH H. PRESCOTT, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church of Candia Village, N.H., was born in Montville, Waldo County, Me., February 14, 1831. He is the son of Oren and Lucy (Bryant) Prescott, both natives of the State of Maine.

His family has been identified with the history of New England since 1665, when his ancestor, James Prescott, a native of Lincolnshire, England, came to America, settling in Hampton, N.H. This gentleman was a farmer. In 1725 he removed to Kingston, where he received a land grant of two hundred acres, the boundary line of his estate running between Kingston and Hampton. At different times he received other grants of land, and at the time of his death he was one of the largest property holders in that section. He died November 25, 1728, at the age of eighty-five. James Prescott married in 1668 Mary Boulter, daughter of Nathaniel Boulter, of Exeter, and was the father of nine children.

Jonathan Prescott, son of James, born August 6, 1675, was a prominent citizen of Hampton, N.H. His name is on record as one of the petitioners for the town of Kensington; and he was admitted to the church there March 5, 1749. He lived to be fourscore years of age, passing away January 6, 1755. Jonathan Prescott and his wife Elizabeth reared six children. Their son Jonathan, second, the great-great-grandfather of the Rev. Elijah H. Prescott, was born July 16, 1696. He was Selectman of Hampton Falls a number of years, and in 1745 was Captain of a company which participated in the memorable expedition under Colonel William Pepperrell, afterward Sir William, against Louisburg, which resulted in the capture of the seemingly impregnable fortress. Captain Prescott died at Louisburg, January 19, 1746, aged about fifty years.

Micah Prescott, son of Captain Jonathan and Judith (Gove) Prescott, was one of a family of eleven children. He was born October 23, 1739. He was active in the French and Indian War, being a soldier in a regiment of seven hundred men in an expedition against Crown Point; and after the massacre at Fort William he served in a battalion which he had aided in raising for the defence of Fort Edward. After peace was declared, he worked as a blacksmith at Epping, N.H., also managing a farm; and, when the Revolutionary troubles were fermenting, he was active as a patriot, signing the Association Test in 1776. He died in February, 1828, aged eighty-eight years, eight months. Micah Prescott was married, December 28, 1759, to Abigail Brown, and was the father of Stephen Prescott, who was born in Epping, N.H., July 22, 1763. The life of Stephen Prescott was devoted to the pursuit of agriculture. Removing to Montville, Me., he redeemed a good farm there. He was also "a mighty hunter,"

famed for his skill with rod and gun. Though only a boy at the time of the War for Independence, he was anxious to join the patriotic forces, but was not allowed to. After the Republic was established, he was a loyal member of the Democratic party. He attained the great age of ninety-eight years, passing away in 1862. November 3, 1784, he was married to Mary Rundlett, of Epping, by whom he had twelve children. These children were all with him when he moved to Montville, and his sons settled on farms near his and in adjoining towns. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott, while in New Hampshire, attended the Congregational church, and after their removal to Maine attended the Free Baptist church of South Montville.

Oren Prescott, son of Stephen and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Belmont (then Upper Gilmanton), N.H. He was a carpenter and joiner, and worked at his trade in Montville for a number of years. The latter part of his life was spent at South St. George, Me., where he was light-house keeper for some time. His first appointment to this position was received during President Pierce's administration, and his term of service was four years. Under Buchanan he was deposed from office; and under Lincoln he was reinstated, serving eight years. In politics he was a Democrat until 1854, after that a Republican. Oren Prescott, too, was actively interested in military matters, and held the rank of Brigadier-general under the old militia law. He died in June, 1868, aged sixty-eight years. His widow, Mrs. Lucy B. Prescott, who is now ninety-two years of age, is living in Liberty, Me. She is the mother of eight children, four of whom are living: George W., in Liberty, Me.; the Rev. Elijah H., in Candia; Kate J., wife of the Rev. J. N. Rich, of Taunton, Mass.; and Sarah D., wife of a Mr. David, of Kansas City.

Elijah H. Prescott received the greater part of his education in the New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution, there pursuing both his preparatory studies and his theological course. His first pastorate was at Unity and Dixmont, Me., where he remained four years. Afterward he was at Northwood, N.H., four years, at New Hampton nine years, at Franklin Falls five years, at New Hampton again six years; and then he was for two years a member of the agency soliciting for the New Hampton Institute. Four years ago he took charge of the Free Will Baptist church at Candia Village, and during his pastorate he has worked zealously for the advancement of the church. Mr. Prescott is a scholarly man, and a competent and sagacious business man. Since June, 1872, he has acted as Secretary for the yearly meeting of the Free Will Baptist churches of New Hampshire. He was Supervisor of Schools two years in the town of Unity, one year in Northwood, and six years in New Hampton; and he has been Trustee of the New Hampton Institute since 1868, President of the Board of Trustees for more than twenty years, a member of the Executive Committee since 1868, Treasurer of the institute for the past twenty-eight years, having charge of the financial affairs, including collecting and paying out money and raising money for the permanent fund and for current expenses.

He was married, November 28, 1860, to Amanda A. Meservey, of Appleton, Me., by whom he has one daughter, Annabel K., born January 9, 1862. She is the wife of Charles R. Dame, of Concord, N.H., and has three children — Charles P., George M., and Walter B., aged respectively nine and seven years and nine months. Mr. Prescott is an active Republican, and represented the town of New Hampton in the State legislature in 1881 and 1882.

GEORGE HENRY TOWLE, M.D., the only physician in Deerfield, and who has practised there for the past twenty-seven years, was born in Barnstead, N.H., April 14, 1839. Jonathan Towle, great-grandfather of Dr. Towle, who sprang from a family of Irish origin, followed the occupation of farmer throughout his life. He married a Miss Marston, and was the father of a large family of children. Of these his son James was the next lineal progenitor of Dr. Towle. Like his father, he was a native of Pittsfield, N.H., and a farmer; and he also married a Miss Marston. His wife bore him

two children — Robie Marston and Samuel. Samuel is now deceased. James Towle was a Democrat; and, though he never held any public office, he was interested in local issues. He died in 1814, aged about thirty-five years.

Robie Marston Towle, Dr. Towle's father, was born in 1809 in Pittsfield. He likewise followed the calling of farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, while he had not "the first atom of an aspiration" to public office. His death occurred in 1885, in his seventy-sixth year. He was married twice, on the first occasion to Miss Abigail J. Nelson, of Barnstead. By her he became the father of eight children, as follows: Benjamin F., of Northwood, N.H.; Hannah, the widow of J. Yeaton, of Epsom, Merrimack County; Mary A., the wife of the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Northwood; James R., residing in the same town; George Henry, a resident of Deerfield; Daniel L., of Northwood; Samuel H., whose death, at the age of fifty-two, made the first break in the family; and Rebecca A., who is the wife of Orrin Palmer, of Northwood. His second marriage was contracted with a Miss Marston, which resulted in the birth of two children, both now deceased.

George Henry Towle, M.D., had few of the early advantages usually enjoyed by men who have accomplished anything in professional life. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, under a contract which secured to him three months' schooling every year. The schooling so received lasted but three years, and was subsequently paid for by the pupil from the proceeds of services rendered as a teacher during the winter sessions. After spending six years with his first employer, a determination to become something better than he was took possession of his mind. He now began to apply himself to study with this end in view, working between whiles at his trade, so as to be able to defray his necessary expenses. He became a student of the Pittsfield Academy. Then he attended the Hanover, N.H., and Harvard (Mass.) Medical Schools, and finally entered Bowdoin Medical College. From the latter he graduated in the class of 1865. After taking his degree of M.D., he located in Salisbury, N.H., where he remained for three and a half years. He then came to Deerfield, where he has lived ever since, building up year by year his present high reputation as a physician and surgeon. Dr. Towle has had cases of violent accident, demanding quick decision and skilful surgery on the spot, in each of which he proved equal to the occasion.

In 1862 he was married to Miss Panthea Priscilla Tucker, of Pittsfield. She has borne him four children, namely: Edith L., the wife of C. R. Brown, of Deerfield; James B., who is in the dry-goods business in Manchester; George H., Jr., who is a student of Dartmouth College, class of 1897; and Etta F., born in October, 1867, who died in August, 1882. Dr. Towle served on the School Board for fifteen years, and in 1881 and 1882 he represented the Eleventh Senatorial District in the New Hampshire legislature. He is a member of Munni Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Deerfield, having taken all the degrees; and also belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, Deerfield Grange, No. 74, of which he has been Lecturer and Master and is now Secretary. Dr. Towle is a Democrat, and he takes an active interest in the success of his party. His family attend the services of the Congregational church. He has fought and won the battle of existence single-handed. His life is a lesson in courage and perseverance to the rising generation.

JOHN P. WILSON, one of the most prosperous farmers in the county, and of whom a portrait is herewith presented, has spent nearly fourscore years in Londonderry. He is a native of the town, born January 23, 1818. His parents, Thomas and Rebecca (Pinkerton) Wilson, were also born in this locality, his father in Londonderry, and his mother in Derry His great-grandfather, James Wilson, was one of the Scotch-Irish colonists who settled and named Londonderry. James owned a large tract of land around what is now called Wilson's Crossing, so named after the family. Robert Wilson, John P. Wilson's grandfather, who was born in Londonderry, was a leading man in the locality, and a Colonel in the State militia. Thomas Wilson, our subject's



JOHN P. AND ADALINE A. WILSON.

father, was a lifelong resident of Londonderry, a farmer by occupation, and in politics successively a Whig and a Republican. He died in 1862.

John P. Wilson obtained his education in the district school. He grew up on the home farm, imbibing health and vigor from the free outdoor life, and laying the foundation of the constitution that has enabled him to outlive the Scriptural span of human existence. When the time came for him to choose his life occupation, he decided upon that followed by his ancestors as good enough for him; and he has since given his best energies to agriculture. As a farmer, he has been very successful; and his farm, which covers about three hundred acres, is one of the best in the locality. Mr. Wilson spent eight years in Manchester, N.H.; but the rest of his life has been passed in Londonderry.

He was married April 14, 1844, to Adaline Annis, who was born in Londonderry, February 19, 1823, daughter of John and Delilah (Coburn) Annis. The union has been blessed by several children, four of whom are living, namely: Abbie, the wife of Clarence N. Garvin, of Londonderry; May, the wife of Frank A. Benson, of Raymond, N.H.; and George W. and David B., residents of Londonderry. Those deceased were: Robert H., Rebecca P., Lillie J., John, Thomas H., and John E. Both parents are members of the Universalist church. Mr. Wilson in politics supports the Republican party. He takes an active interest in the welfare of the community, and is always ready to aid projects for the improvement of the town. He and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on April 18, 1894, when their many friends made the occasion one of unusual interest and good feeling by their warm congratulations and other tokens of good will.

ANDREW F. FOX, an enterprising and successful agriculturist and a well-known and prominent citizen of Auburn, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Dracut, Middlesex County, Mass., February 19, 1825, son of Ezekiel and Sarah (Estabrook) Fox. He is a representative of one of the long-established families of New England. The founder of this branch of the Fox family in America was Thomas Fox, who traversed the Atlantic and landed on these shores in 1639. His son, Nathaniel Fox, the great-great-great-grandfather of Andrew F., became one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Dracut, Mass. Nathaniel's son, the next in line, was Deacon Daniel Fox, who, marrying Miss Polly Jones, became the father of Joel Fox. His son, Joel, second, the grandfather of Andrew F., was a farmer in Dracut. He participated in the Colonial struggle for independence throughout the eight years of conflict. He married Miss Hannah Cheever; and they became the parents of a family of seven children, all of whom have passed away. In national politics he was affiliated with the Democratic party. He departed this life in December, 1861, at the goodly age of seventy-seven years and four months, though surpassed by his father, Joel, first, who attained the venerable age of ninety-two years, passing away on February 8, 1849. Ezekiel Fox, son of the second Joel, was born in Dracut, where he was diligently engaged in general husbandry throughout his life. He also devoted considerable attention to the sale of pigeons. He married Miss Sarah Estabrook, by whom he had five children. The only one now surviving is Andrew F. Politically, Mr. Ezekiel was identified with the Democratic party. He was not an aspirant to social or official distinction. He died in 1849, at the age of sixty-one years.

Andrew F. Fox, when a young man, removed from Dracut to Auburn, then called Chester, in the common schools of which town and in Derry Academy he obtained his education. Having finished his course of study, he returned to the paternal estate in Auburn, and has resided thereon uninterruptedly to the present. The farm comprised five hundred and fifty acres, on which he formerly followed general husbandry in the summer season, and during the winter months engaged in lumbering; but in 1887 he sold one hundred and fifty acres to the city of Manchester. In November, 1847, Mr. Fox was married to Miss Margaret Ann Heath, a native of Auburn. Their union has been blessed in the birth of five children, all of whom are still spared to them,

namely: Sarah E., who is now the wife of James Benson, a resident of Massabesic; Cora A., who resides at Manchester as the wife of Dr. Adams; Frank A., who now lives in Massabesic, and who married Miss Inez Polland, of Lempster, N.H., who has borne to him four children — Cora, Ruby, Andrew, and Roland; Mary G., now the wife of Samuel Richardson, and residing with her father on the old homestead; and Grettie A., who is now Mrs. Hazen Sanborn, of Auburn.

Mr. Fox is one of the prominent and leading men of Auburn, and he has served his fellow-townsmen in several important and responsible public positions. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen for more than twenty years. He has officiated as Town Treasurer; and for two or three terms he has constituted one member of the School Board, serving one of those terms under the new law. He has also enjoyed the distinction of representing his town and district in the legislative halls of the New Hampshire State Capitol during the sessions of 1852–53. For many years Mr. Fox has performed a large amount of probate work, in the form of drawing up deeds and wills, settling estates, and the like. He has not identified himself with any social order of the community, but he is well known and universally esteemed throughout the vicinity. In politics he advocates the principles of the Democratic party. Religiously, he is a regular attendant of the Congregational church of Auburn, to which he is a liberal contributor.

WILLIAM A. EMERSON, shoe manufacturer of Hampstead, N.H., was born in this town, September 7, 1842, son of Daniel and Ruth K. (Connor) Emerson. The first of his family to settle in the town of Hampstead was his great-grandfather, Robert Emerson. He came from Haverhill, Mass., to Hampstead at a time when there were only two families here, his household making the third. He died November 18, 1809.

Robert Emerson was married November 19, 1767, to Mary Webster, who died July 24, 1787. She was the mother of seven children, Caleb, the grandfather of William A., being the third in order of birth. He was born in Hampstead, April 7, 1770, and was a lifelong resident of the town, deriving a comfortable living from the pursuit of agriculture. In politics he was a Whig; on religious subjects, liberal. He died October 24, 1845, aged seventy-five years. Caleb Emerson was married December 12, 1797, to Betsey Nichols, a native of Hampstead, born November 26, 1775, who died June 23, 1840, in her sixty-fifth year. Three children were born to this couple, Daniel, the father of our subject, being the second child and only son.

Daniel Emerson was born in Hampstead, July 28, 1802. He learned the cooper's trade, and followed it in Hampstead for a number of years, the latter part of the time being in business for himself. He owned a good farm of one hundred acres in the town, to the cultivation of which he gave his attention exclusively in the last part of his life. Politically, he favored the Republican party. An active man physically, he took great pleasure in military drill, and was Lieutenant of a company in the old militia. He died April 17, 1863, aged sixty-one years. His wife, who was a daughter of James Connor, of Fremont, N.H., died April 17, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. She was a member of the Congregational church in Hampstead. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Emerson were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living, as follows: Daniel H., born July 24, 1828, who married Sarah Richardson, and has three children — Laura, Albert, and Emma; James H., born September 5, 1830, of whom a brief sketch will be found in this work; Horatio B., born April 2, 1836, who has been twice married, his first wife being Lizzie Neal, his second Sarah Jeffries, and who has three children by his first union — David, Chauncy, and Lilla; and William A., the subject of this sketch.

William A. Emerson was educated in his native town. After leaving school, he learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for some time, subsequently obtaining employment in a market in Haverhill, Mass. He was manager of Emerson's Express, running between Haverhill and Hampstead for fifteen years; and in 1886 he started in the manufact-

ure of children's and misses' shoes, under the firm name of William A. Emerson & Son, his partner being his son Daniel. The firm manufactures for jobbers entirely, and has built up a good business, having a well-equipped plant with all necessary facilities for carrying on the manufacture of shoes, employing one hundred and thirty-five hands and having a capacity of turning out two thousand pairs of shoes a day. A self-made man who has had little help in his upward career, Mr. Emerson's character is such as to win the respect of his fellow-citizens; and in proportion as he has prospered he is willing to help every worthy enterprise in the town of Hampstead.

He was married November 6, 1862, to Abbie H., daughter of Francis V. Dow, of Hampstead. Mr. Dow was a Major in the old military organization. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson. Daniel, the eldest, who was born December 2, 1863, is in business with his father. He was married June 3, 1886, to Esther, daughter of Edward Plunkett, of Dublin, Ireland, and has one child — William A., who was born September 2, 1888. Frank W., who was born January 18, 1866, was married September 12, 1886, to Minnie, daughter of Moses B. Stevens, of Atkinson, N.H. He has no children. Arthur M., who was born March 10, 1870, has been twice married. His first wife, May Henward, of Eastport, Me., dying, left twin girls — Ella M. and Alice M., born May 31, 1889; and his second wife, to whom he was united November 9, 1890, Alice M. Hamlin, of Haverhill, Mass., has one son — Clifford D., born August 27, 1892. Myron E., the fourth and youngest son, was born December 10, 1883.

Politically, Mr. Emerson is independent. He has served as Tax Collector and Selectman of the town, and is at present chief of police. Prominent in social matters, he is a member of St. Mark Lodge, No. 44, A. F. & A. M., of Derry, of which he is Junior Warden; a member of Bell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of the same place; and a member of De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portsmouth, N.H. He and his wife are communicants of the Congregational church in Hampstead.

THOMAS OSGOOD REYNOLDS, M.D. Among the active and progressive physicians and surgeons of Rockingham County none has worked harder to attain professional excellence, and none is more worthy of notice, than the gentleman named above. The son of Thomas F. and Mary (Currier) Reynolds, he was born in Chester, Rockingham County, N.H., December 24, 1842. He acquired his early education in the common schools of his native town and Chester Academy.

The war broke out while he was yet in his teens; and on August 26, 1862, before he was twenty years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. This regiment was sent immediately to the scene of action; and for a year young Reynolds served in the ranks, participating in some of the most momentous engagements of the Civil War. During the wholesale slaughter of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, he was injured seriously in the left side by a piece of shell, and for years suffered from the effects of the wound; and at Jackson, Miss., in July, 1863, he was wounded in the leg by a minie-ball. After the campaign following the fall of Vicksburg, where he was serving in the Department of the Gulf, returning to Kentucky, he was assigned to the general hospital at Camp Nelson, October 24, 1863. Almost immediately thereafter he was promoted to the position of chief clerk; and he commenced the study of medicine under A. C. Rankin, Assistant Surgeon, United States army. He continued his academic studies under private instruction, working with an energy that insured success. His rapidity of execution, his earnestness of purpose, and his fidelity to every trust won him many friends.

Thus the time passed until the close of the war; and on May 24, 1865, the soldier-student was mustered out of service at Lexington, Ky. His connection with the army was not severed immediately, however; for shortly after he was examined by a Board of Army Surgeons, and appointed Assistant Surgeon by contract by the United States government, with the rank and emoluments of First Lieutenant. He was assigned to his old station, Camp Nelson,

which was the headquarters of the Freedman's Bureau for that department, and entered on his duties at once, remaining until December, 1865, when the camp was disbanded. Returning to New Hampshire, he spent a week at home, and then entered Bellevue Medical College in New York City, taking also the regular spring course of study at Long Island College Hospital, and receiving special instruction from Professor Austin Flint. He completed his studies at the Albany Medical College, from which he received his degree on December 24, 1866, his twenty-fourth birthday.

Dr. Reynolds then travelled for a year through the Western States, and, when on his way back to the East, he was induced to begin practice at Port Huron, Mich.; but the malarious climate drove him homeward, and after a stay of three months he returned to New Hampshire. June 8, 1869, found him again in his native State; and in February, 1870, he opened an office in Kingston, where he soon had a large and remunerative practice. Gifted with a resolute will and the Scotch power of perseverance, he pursued his studies under difficulties that would have discouraged another; and his nature is such that he has never ceased to be a student, nor will his investigations cease while his mind retains the power of thought. He is pre-eminently qualified by nature for the work he has chosen — quick of perception, gifted with keen powers of analysis and rapid reasoning faculties, and is peculiarly successful in diagnosis. Dr. Reynolds has been a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society since 1872.

He was married, July 13, 1870, to M. Fanny, daughter of William and Mary A. (Holman) Smith, of Raymond, N.H. Her family, which is of English origin, has been native to New Hampshire for many generations. The Doctor and his wife have one child, a daughter, Mabel.

In politics Dr. Reynolds is a Republican. Broad and liberal in his views, and in harmony with the most progressive minds of the age, he has been prominent in educational matters, and was for five years a member of the Board of Trustees of Kingston Academy, and its President in 1880. He was made a Mason in 1864, joining Ion Lodge, No. 301, of Potts Mills, Ky.; was Senior Warden of Gideon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 84, of Kingston, N.H., in 1876–77, Secretary, and then Worshipful Master in 1879, 1880, and 1881, and representative to the Grand Lodge in 1882. Dr. Reynolds is a brilliant conversationalist, gifted with a great command of language, and a fund of original wit and humor that makes his society ever pleasant. He is of a positive nature, and throws his whole soul into everything that he undertakes. Dr. Reynolds has accumulated quite a handsome competency, and his life henceforth can be more nearly devoted to his pet hobbies in science. He is a Grand Army man, and a Past Commander of General Patten Post, of Kingston. He is a good microscopist, and his researches in cryptogamic botany and biology during the past few years are worthy of note. He is devoted to the natural sciences, and is well up with the times in everything published on these subjects. If his life and health are spared, he will be heard from more generally beyond his own State before many years. He is more than an amateur astronomer, and has many original astronomical charts and devices of his own. He is a contributor of some note to several scientific magazines and other periodicals.

WILLIAM CLARK, of Londonderry, N.H., a leading citizen of Rockingham County, prominent in political and agricultural affairs, was born in Londonderry, July 22, 1844. He is the son of Reed P. and Elizabeth (Perkins) Clark, the former a native of Hancock, Hillsborough County, N.H., the latter of Essex, Mass.

Reed P. Clark, who was the son of Ninian Clark, a native and lifelong resident of Hillsborough County, spent the greater part of his life in Londonderry. Though not highly educated, he had a fund of practical knowledge and much force of character and natural ability. An expert penman, he taught writing-school when a young man; and, as an agriculturist, he won lasting fame, raising nursery stock and experimenting on vegetables. He was the originator of the celebrated Clark's No. 1 potato, which he produced on the farm



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now occupied by the subject of this sketch, and gave to the world as propagated by Reed P. Clark & Sons. His talents were of the most versatile order; for, in addition to his achievements in the fields of penmanship and agriculture, he won reputation as a horse trainer and as a skilled worker of wood and iron, and he found a field of useful activity in the political world. A Whig when that party was in existence, he later became a Republican of the most pronounced type, and was largely instrumental in changing Londonderry from a Democratic to a Republican town. He served as Selectman, as Representative to the State legislature, and as a member of Governor Goodwin's Council. He was also for a number of years a Trustee of the New Hampshire State Reform School at Manchester. Reed P. Clark died April 8, 1882. Of his children the following are living: Joseph R., a sketch of whom may be seen on another page; Marianna P., wife of Professor W. H. Seaman, of Washington, D.C.; and William, above named.

William Clark attended the public schools of his native town and Pinkerton Academy at Derry, where he prepared for college. Instead of entering college, however, he enlisted September 3, 1864, as a private in Company D, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and on the organization of the company was made a corporal. The regiment was assigned to duty in the defences of Washington during its period of service. After Mr. Clark's discharge from the army, June 15, 1865, with his health completely shattered by illness, he abandoned all idea of entering college, and engaged in agricultural pursuits in the summer time, teaching school in the winter for a number of years in New Hampshire and Michigan. Mr. Clark was instrumental in organizing Londonderry Grange, No. 44, Patrons of Husbandry; and he assisted in managing the first Grange Fair in this town. He has served as Master, Secretary, and Treasurer of the grange.

He was married August 23, 1876, to Alice W. McIntire, a native of Reading, Mass., daughter of Amos and Mary (Gorman) McIntire. Her father died some time since. Her mother resides in Reading. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark in the early years of their married life, namely: Reed P., who is attending the Columbian University at Washington, D.C.; and Ralph W., who died July 22, 1887.

Mr. Clark was for two terms in the State legislature, and for several years was a member of the Republican State Committee. From 1876 to 1886 he served as Deputy Sheriff for Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties. He was for a number of years Supervisor of check lists in Londonderry, and for many years has filled the office of Justice of the Peace. In 1880 he was Census Enumerator, and he has served as School Committee. He is well advanced in Masonry, and is Past Master of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 44, at Derry. An active Grand Army man, he is a member of Wesley B. Knight Post, No. 41, of which he has been Commander. He organized the Londonderry Soldiers' Monument Association, and worked zealously in the movement which culminated in the erection of the beautiful soldiers' monument in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are popular members of Londonderry society.

JOHN P. KIMBALL, a well-known and extensive farmer and lumberman of Kingston, N.H., son of John Kimball, is a native of Rockingham County, having been born July 1, 1836, in the township of Raymond.

John Kimball was born in Topsham, Vt., where he lived until attaining his majority. Coming then to Rockingham County, New Hampshire, he bought a farm in Danville township, where he lived four years. From Danville he went to Raymond, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1848, when he settled on a farm in Kingston, which he occupied until the death of his wife in 1888. From that time until his death in 1892 he made his home with his children, spending his last days with his son, John P. His wife, formerly Miss Fanny Page, of Kingston, bore him the following children: George W., who died February 27, 1877, survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Heath Kimball, now living at Danville, this county; John P., the lead-

ing subject of this biographical sketch; James M., living in Danville township, who first married Eliza C. Quimby, and after her death married Miss Marinda Mace; Sarah K., who became the wife of Martin Gile, of Raymond, and died December 31, 1895; and Marilla F., the wife of Gilman Gile, also of Raymond.

John P. Kimball acquired his elementary education in the public schools of his native county, afterward attending the Kingston Academy three terms. He remained on the parental homestead until thirty-one years of age, becoming practically acquainted with all branches of farming. He then purchased his present property, consisting of two hundred acres of land located in the village of West Kingston, and formerly known as the old Silloway farm. Since taking possession of this farm, he has made excellent improvements, now having one of the most attractive and desirable estates in this part of the town. Besides farming, Mr. Kimball has been largely engaged in lumbering, buying heavily timbered tracts, which he has cleared, manufacturing lumber for the local markets. He is also a surveyor, in which capacity he has done a good deal of work in this vicinity. Politically, Mr. Kimball is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has served his fellow-townsmen as Selectman and in various minor offices. Religiously, he and his family are members of the Baptist church of Danville.

On December 2, 1866, Mr. Kimball married Miss Julia Collins, who was born in the town of Kingston, October 5, 1841, daughter of Laban and Rachel (Hunt) Collins. Her parents spent their entire lives in this town, Mr. Collins having been actively engaged as a cooper and farmer. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball has been blessed by the birth of two children — Effie E. and Millie D., both of whom reside with their parents.

ALFRED M. LANG, of Portsmouth, a veteran of the late war, and for the past thirty years messenger in the navy yard at Kittery, just opposite Portsmouth, was born, May 12, 1840, in the town of Rye, this county. His great-grandfather settled in Rye in the early days; and there his grandfather, Eben Wallace Lang, was born, lived, and died, having spent his adult life in farming. Eben reared five children, of whom Ebenezer Wallace Lang, the second in order of birth, was the father of Alfred M. Ebenezer spent his life in Rye. After receiving his education in the common schools, he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for many years. He was a land-owner, and in the latter part of his life devoted more attention to farming than to his trade. He married Florenza Trefethen, a native of Rye, and became the father of four sons and a daughter.

Alfred M. Lang spent his earlier years in Rye, obtaining his education in the public schools, and afterward learning the mason's trade. He followed his trade until 1862, when he entered the United States navy, remaining there as an ordinary seaman until February, 1864. In that year, in Company A, Thirty-second Maine Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, he enlisted in defence of his country, going out with the First Battalion, with the Major in command. The Second Battalion arrived later at North Anna River, where the regiment was then organized. This gallant regiment was in action in the important engagements in that vicinity, forming a portion of the Ninth Army Corps. Among the more prominent battles in which Mr. Lang was a participant were the two at Spottsylvania Court-house, Cold Harbor, Chapin's Farm, and at Petersburg. In the latter he lost an arm, necessitating his removal to the hospital. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he received his discharge, and was mustered out of service December 1, 1864. The following April he was appointed messenger at the navy yard, where he has since served with fidelity.

In October, 1867, Mr. Lang married Miss Marinda N., daughter of Charles Parker, of Concord, Vt. They have a son and a daughter; namely, Arthur Wallace and Nellie May. The son is attending the Portsmouth High School. Mr. Lang is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and takes an active interest in municipal matters. He has served as Councilman, and for several years he has

been a member of the Ward Committee. He is a member of Storer Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic, having served in all the offices except that of Commander, which he has persistently declined; of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of Sagamore Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Honor, in which he has held all the chairs; and formerly of the Sons of Temperance and the Independent Order of Good Templars. In religion he is an active and valued member of the Methodist church, of which he has been Treasurer and Recording Steward for a number of years.

NATHAN H. LEAVITT, a prominent citizen of New Market, and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Northwood, N.H., in September, 1831, son of Nathan H., Sr., and Betsey B. (Batchelder) Leavitt. Mr. Leavitt's father, who was a native of Northwood, was a merchant by occupation. He settled in New Market, and, identifying himself with public affairs, served as High Sheriff of Rockingham County, and was Postmaster of this town for many years. He enjoyed a wide and cordial acquaintance throughout the county, and came into contact with the leading and most influential citizens; and his business ability and sterling character were widely recognized. He died at his home in this town in 1869. His wife, Betsey, passed away six years later, dying in 1875.

Nathan H. Leavitt acquired his education in the district schools, and at the age of fifteen accompanied his parents to New Market. Since his early manhood he has been connected with the business interests of this town, formerly carrying on a thriving grocery trade, but having for the past twenty-five years devoted his energies to the carriage and sleigh business.

Politically, he is a Democrat, and has occupied a leading position in the local councils of his party for many years. His public services have shown him to be possessed of much natural ability and good judgment, which qualities have proved of value to the town. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, and was several times elected to the House of Representatives from this district. During his father's term as Postmaster he was for eight years his assistant; and, when offered the appointment to the office in 1885, he felt himself obliged to decline on account of failing health.

In 1852 Mr. Leavitt married Mary E. Badger, of Deerfield; and they had one child, Lizzie C., who is now the widow of Thomas Willey.

Mr. Leavitt belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has occupied the different chairs in the lodge of that society here. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is active in all important society events. Mrs. Leavitt is a member of the Congregational church.

JOHN L. PRESSEY, a prosperous merchant of Newton, late a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Amesbury, Mass., March 21, 1856, son of Jonathan and Sarah E. (Lord) Pressey, Mr. Pressey's father, who was a native of Amesbury, graduated from Dummer Academy, Rowley, Mass., and subsequently taught school for some twenty years. In 1864 he moved from Amesbury to South Hampton, N.H., later establishing himself in trade at Newton, where he continued in business until 1882, when he sold out to his son, and retired. He died at his residence in South Hampton, April 26, 1886. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist; and, politically, he supported the Republican party. His wife, Sarah, was a native of Ipswich, Mass. She became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living: Charles F., who resides in Topeka, Kan.; Sarah E., wife of George M. Buxton, of South Hampton; and John L. The others were: John H.; William C., who enlisted in the Fourth Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and died during the Civil War; Sumner C.; and Mary E., who became Mrs. Morrill. Mr. Pressey's mother died in May, 1873.

John L. Pressey during his early years resided in Amesbury and South Hampton, his education being acquired in the common

schools of the last-named town and at Barnard Academy. Since he was fifteen years old he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits, having then entered his father's store as clerk, and later becoming sole proprietor of the business. Mr. Pressey possesses the right qualifications for success, being far-sighted, enterprising, and industrious. His store, which occupies a good location, is well stocked with general merchandise; and, through the popularity of its genial proprietor, it enjoys a liberal patronage.

On October 19, 1880, Mr. Pressey wedded Alice L. Davis, daughter of Alfred M. Davis, of Newton. Mrs. Pressey is the mother of one daughter, Sarah O., who was born November 26, 1882.

In politics Mr. Pressey acts with the Republican party, and he was Representative to the legislature during the years 1891 and 1892. He is a charter member of Twilight Lodge, No. 68, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Newton, and belongs to Harmony Encampment of Amesbury. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church.

JOHN J. BROWN, a prosperous farmer of Hampton Falls, who for many years in company with his brother James managed an express business between Hampton Falls and Lynn, Mass., was born at Hampton Falls, April 24, 1833, son of Joseph C. and Hannah D. (Berry) Brown. He is a descendant of John Brown, who, born in England in 1588, came to this country in 1635. John Brown settled in Hampton on a tract of land that is now the property of Zaccheus Brown, another descendant. Another John Brown, also of the posterity of the English John, married Sarah or Elizabeth Brown, and established a home in the southeastern part of the territory, now the town of Seabrook. His son, Benjamin, had a son Jacob, who married Mary Green, and had a son Nathan, who was the great-grandfather of John J. Brown. Jacob Brown, the grandfather, was one of the ablest farmers of his day. When quite young, he rented a farm in Hampton Falls, and by good management was finally able to buy the place, paying seven thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars for it. The first sum he had to spare was one hundred dollars, which he made on calves. This he kept at interest for forty years, when it amounted to quite a sum. He was ninety-two years of age when he died, April 25, 1859. His farm is now occupied by his grandson, the Hon. Warren Brown, cousin of John J. Brown. Jacob Brown's wife, in maidenhood Abigail Berry, was the mother of four boys — Thomas, Joseph C., Nathan W., and John B.

Joseph C. Brown, also a native of Hampton Falls, acquired his education in the district school, at the same time receiving a practical training in farming. After leaving school, he kept a store for a while in Newburyport, Mass. Returning to Hampton Falls, he lived for some time on the Brown homestead, and then purchased the Lane farm, on which he subsequently erected a fine set of buildings. Mr. Brown's life was brought to a sudden close in his forty-second year by a large rock falling upon him. His wife, who was a daughter of John C. Berry, of Chichester, Merrimack County, subsequently married William F. Towle, to whom she bore three children. By her union with Mr. Brown her children were: James D., who married Sarah F. Robinson, of Exeter, N.H., and has three children — J. Howard, Edith S., and Ada R.; John J., the subject of this article; and Sarah A., the wife of John E. Shaw, of Pittsfield, N.H., and the mother of two children — Ella C. and Josie B.

John J. Brown obtained his education in a district school at Hampton Falls and in the academy at Pittsfield. He subsequently drove an express between Lynn, Mass., and Hampton Falls for twenty years, and for thirty years was engaged in traffic between the two places, his brother James having an equal interest in the business. After the railroad connection was established, he and his brother superintended the transportation of their freight on the cars. They carried a countless number of shoes back and forth between the establishments of manufacturers in Lynn and the shoemakers in Hampton Falls. In those days shoes were all made by hand, each shoemaker having his shop or workroom adjoining or in his house. They also annually transported

apples worth from ten thousand to fifteen thousand dollars. When the father died, the children inherited the farm. The brothers, who bought the sister's share, have since resided there, actively engaged in general farming.

In 1858 Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Mary G. Robinson, the sister of his brother's wife, and has since become the father of eight children; namely, Alice G., Annie D., Winnifred M., J. Edward, Percy, Mabel, Gracie D., and Maud. Alice married Henry Elkins, of Hampton Falls, resides in Amesbury, Mass., and has four children — Marion G., Gertrude, and Dorothy and Daisy (twins); Mabel is the wife of William Hunter, of Amesbury; Winnifred is engaged in teaching school; and Percy is in business in Amesbury. The rest are still with their parents. Mr. Brown, who has supported the Democratic ticket for forty years, cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856. He has taken an active part in local affairs, and has filled various official positions, including that of Town Clerk, Selectman, a member of the Prudential Committee and of the School Board. The family are esteemed members of Christ Church in Hampton Falls.

JOHN SULLIVAN RAND, a well-known citizen of Portsmouth, N.H., who has served the city as Tax Assessor, and was for five years a police officer, was born at the family residence on Washington Street, February 11, 1827. His parents were Reuben and Mary (Smith) Rand. Ephraim Rand, the grandfather of Reuben Rand, was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died of small-pox in New York during the struggle with Great Britain. His sons, David S. Rand and Simeon Rand, natives of Rye, both served as soldiers of the United States army in the War of 1812.

Reuben Rand, son of David S. and father of J. Sullivan Rand, was born in Rye, N.H., in 1798. He and his wife Mary became the parents of the following children: Cornelia, who is now deceased; Reuben, a resident of Portsmouth; David S., deceased; John Sullivan; Edwin L., deceased; Mary J., wife of Richard Taylor; L. F. Rand, who resides in Boston; Warren L., a resident of Lawrence; Irving W., who was killed at the battle of Petersburg in the late war, being a Sergeant of the Sixth New Hampshire Regiment; Sarah A., widow of Henry Slack; and Edwin, second, deceased. The father died in 1866, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife survived him nearly twenty years, dying in 1885. The farm upon which J. Sullivan now resides was purchased by his father in 1828.

J. Sullivan Rand obtained his education in the high school and at Harris Academy of Portsmouth. He remained at home till he was twenty-four years of age, when he started, via the Isthmus of Panama, for California, arriving in San Francisco in October, 1851. From that time until 1854 he was engaged in prospecting and mining, meeting with a fair measure of success. He then returned to the old homestead, which covers in all about ninety acres, where he now carries on general farming. In politics Mr. Rand affiliates with the Republican party. He is prominent in town affairs, having served as Assessor of Taxes. He has also taken an active part in educational matters, having taught school for about twenty terms.

In 1859 Mr. Rand was united in marriage with Miss Elvira W. Odiorne, of Portsmouth. They have six children, namely: Jasper C., who is a real estate dealer in Little Rock, Ark.; John Langdon Rand, who is a prominent lawyer in the State of Oregon; Luella E., now residing at home, who has spent some time as a teacher; Irving Wallace, who is a surgeon in the United States army, now stationed in Arizona; Charles Benjamin, who is a druggist in Massachusetts; and Henry A., who lives with his parents in Portsmouth.

HORACE W. LANGLEY, a prosperous business man of Epping, who was for some years engaged in the hotel business in this town, at New Market, and in other localities, was born in Nottingham, N.H., June 1, 1844, a son of Joseph and Statira (Green) Langley.

Joseph Langley was a native of New Market, and passed his boyhood and youth in that

place. When a young man, he worked for some time in the mills, but subsequently engaged in farming, which he continued to follow for several years, or until his death, which took place May 23, 1855. He was a man who gave his chief attention to his private business, showing no inclination to seek political honors; and he was known and respected as an upright, conscientious man and reliable citizen. He married Statira Green, whose parents, natives of Connecticut, came to Meredith, where she was born. She became the mother of six children, three of whom are living, namely: Mary L., wife of Thomas Witham; Horace W., the subject of this sketch; and Sarah E., wife of Thomas Prescott. The others were: Joseph A., who served as a soldier in the Civil War, enduring much hardship upon the field and in Andersonville Prison, and died February 27, 1896 (see the sketch of his life which follows this); Abbie J., who married Horace St. Clair Stephens, and died in November, 1881: she was an active member of the Baptist church at Exeter; John J., a mechanic, whose last years were passed as an employee at the Blood Locomotive Works in Manchester, where he died in 1874. Mr. Langley's mother died July 21, 1885.

Horace W. Langley acquired his education in the schools of Epping; and at the age of twenty he began work in the shoe factory here, where he was employed for eleven years. For nine years he was connected with the Pawtuckaway House in this town, afterward going to the Railroad House in New Market, where he remained for two years. From there he went to Fair Haven, Conn., where he leased King's Hotel, and conducted it for a year and a half. He was then proprietor of the Granite House in Exeter, N.H., until 1893, since which time he has resided in Epping, and carried on a billiard hall here. In politics he has always acted with the Democratic party, but has never taken an active part in politics beyond casting his vote.

In 1863 Mr. Langley wedded Mary Lawrence Hodgdon, of Epping, who died in 1870. In 1873 he married for his second wife Annie E. Noyes, of Deerfield, N.H. Mr. Langley has reached an advanced degree in Masonry, being a member of the Blue Lodge Chapter, Council, Commandery, Consistory, and Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire. As a progressive and enterprising business man, he is well and favorably known through this section of the State; and he possesses a numerous acquaintance both at home and among the travelling public.

JOSEPH A. LANGLEY, a Union veteran, who died at his home in Manchester, N.H., February 27, 1896, was a son of Joseph and Statira (Green) Langley, for many years residents of Rockingham County. Some account of his parents may be found in the sketch of Horace W. Langley, his brother. He was born in Nottingham in 1833, and obtained his education in the schools of that town. When a young man, he went to New Market and entered the employ of one of the large mills of that place. By faithful service and hard work he made a good impression on his employers, and was soon made second hand. He had held this position but a short time when Fort Sumter was fired upon. This stirred the patriotic blood of Mr. Langley; and when, a few days later, President Lincoln issued a call for volunteers to defend the Union, he quickly resigned his position in the mill, and hastened to join the Union army. Leaving Nottingham, he went to Dover, and was duly mustered into service as a private in a company of the Seventeenth Regiment, United States Infantry, which was then attached to the Second Battalion.

Mr. Langley followed the vicissitudes of the regiment in the various campaigns of the army of the Potomac, and took active part in all its engagements for about two and one-half years. At the battle of Shady Grove he was captured, and sent to Libby Prison at Richmond. Here he was confined four days, and was then transferred with a train load of half-starved Union prisoners like himself to the dreaded prison pen of Andersonville. Here he bore a full share of the terrible privations and sufferings

inflicted upon the unfortunate prisoners by the rebel commander, Captain Wirtz. At one time he was forced to be a witness to the execution of four Union soldiers. After a long stay at Andersonville Mr. Langley was removed to Milam Prison, situated a few miles from Savannah. The long term of confinement, exposure, and privation, had told upon his health; and he was taken ill, and put on the sick list. Then the order came from the rebel headquarters to transfer a portion of the prisoners at Milam to Savannah; and Mr. Langley, more dead than alive, and so weak that he could scarcely move, was driven to the city on the coast, and put in an old army prison. But his term as a prisoner of war had nearly expired. So worn by disease that he was of little use to the cause of the Union, he was given a parole, and sent North. He joined his regiment at Annapolis, Md., a mere skeleton, and was immediately given a three months' furlough, during which time he was honorably discharged by reason of disabilities received in service.

Mr. Langley then removed to Manchester, N.H., and for six years was employed under Overseer Farrington on the Amoskeag corporation. He then removed to Deerfield, but sixteen years ago returned to Manchester, where he resided until his death. He never fully recovered from the effects of his army service, and was able to do but little work. He possessed a wide circle of friends who mourn his loss. His life was an object lesson in patriotism, and his memory will not soon be forgotten by his many acquaintances. He left a widow and one daughter, Mrs. C. H. George, of Manchester. Mr. Langley was a member of Louis Bell Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Manchester, N.H.

NATHANIEL A. WALCOTT, who occupies a prominent position among the rising young business men of Portsmouth, N.H., was born December 14, 1868, in the city of Boston, son of Aaron F. and Harriet (Adams) Walcott. Among his emigrant ancestors were the "Mayflower" Pilgrim, Henry Sampson, who settled in Duxbury, Mass., and Francis Adams, a native of Chester, England, who settled in Plymouth, Mass., about 1700, and in 1727 removed to Kingston, Mass., where he was a prominent citizen. Mr. Walcott is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution by virtue of his descent from John and Ebenezer Adams, of this stock, who served in the War for Independence.

Aaron F. Walcott was for several years engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Boston, having a successful mercantile career. At the outbreak of the late Civil War he enlisted as a private in the First Massachusetts Light Artillery, but was transferred the same year to the Third Light Battery, of which he was appointed Second Junior Lieutenant, and a few months later was promoted to the rank of Senior First Lieutenant of the battery. He served gallantly until the close of the war, when he was brevetted Captain. Captain Walcott was an active participant in twenty-six engagements of the Rebellion, among them being the three days' battle at Gettysburg. He had the love and respect of the brave men under his charge, who, when the battery was mustered out of service, presented him with an elegant gold badge, on which were engraved the names of the various battles in which they had fought. In politics he is a Republican; and for the past eight years he has been Deputy Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois. He is a member in high standing of the U. S. Grant Post, No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was Commander two years, in this capacity having charge of the Chicago delegation of men that assisted in transferring the body of General John A. Logan from Washington to Chicago. He married Harriet Adams, daughter of Nathaniel Adams, of Boston; and they became the parents of three children, namely: a daughter, Mrs. J. Otis Colby, living in Melrose, Mass.; Nathaniel A.; and Charles Francis Adams Walcott, who is engaged in the furniture business at Newburyport, Mass.

Nathaniel Adams, Mr. Walcott's maternal grandfather, was born in Kingston in 1812. He was a son of Charles and Mary C. (Sampson) Adams, and was of the fifth generation in lineal descent from Francis Adams. Many of his kinsmen were seafaring people; and one

of them, Captain William Adams, left two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the Boston Marine Relief Association. Nathaniel Adams was for many years engaged in business in Boston as a contractor and builder. Among the prominent public buildings that he erected are the old Tremont and Parker Houses and the old Boston & Lowell Depot; and in company with his brother he built the Boston City Hall, the long block on State Street, and Tufts College. Of the latter institution he was a liberal benefactor. He also built the Miles Standish monument at Duxbury, toward the erection of which he contributed thousands of dollars. He was prominently identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he held the office of Noble Grand of the State; and one of the lodges was named for him. He was likewise a Free Mason, belonging to the Joseph Warren Lodge at the Highlands. He was a member of the Shawmut Avenue Universalist Church, which he attended regularly. He was associated with many of the leading enterprises of his day, and was president of the company formed for the laying of the Atlantic cable, and personally received the congratulatory message sent by Queen Victoria, the first sent over the wires, and which is now in the possession of a brother of Mr. Walcott, the special subject of this sketch. The coat of arms of the Adams family is still preserved.

Nathaniel A. Walcott attended the English High School of Boston, afterward going to Chicago, where he was employed by J. B. Farwell & Co., one of the largest dry-goods houses in the country, for four years as salesman. Coming then to Portsmouth, Mr. Walcott formed a partnership with R. S. Margeson in June, 1890, and under the style of the Portsmouth Furniture Company carried on a substantial business until March, 1895. Mr. Walcott then purchased his partner's interest in the furniture business, which he has since conducted alone, meeting with excellent success. While in company with Mr. Margeson they were also engaged in the undertaking business, under the firm name of Margeson & Walcott; and, when the latter purchased his present business, he disposed of the undertaking branch.

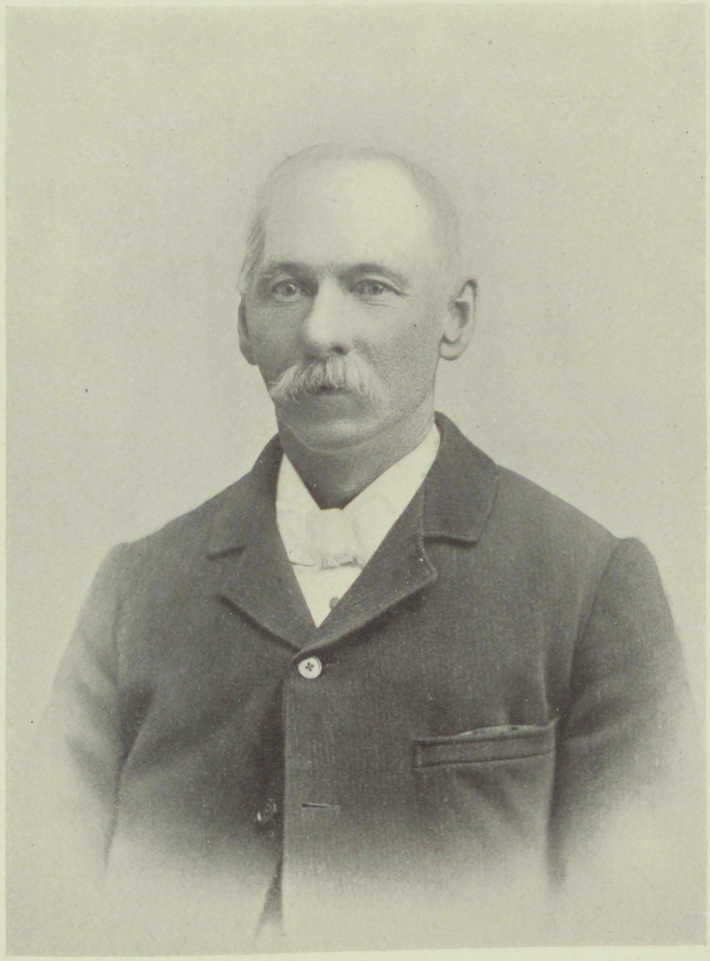
Mr. Walcott was married in 1891 to A. Maude, daughter of R. S. Margeson, of Roxbury, Mass.; and they have two bright and interesting children. In politics Mr. Walcott is a straight Republican, but takes no active part in public affairs. Socially, he is a Mason, being a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and of Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons, and De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars.

JOHN PORTER WEEKS, an extensive farmer of Greenland, Rockingham County, N.H., was born here on January 24, 1844. His parents were Deacon William and Louisa (Porter) Weeks.

Leonard Weeks, the earliest-known ancestor, came to New Hampshire from England, and settled about 1660 in what is now Greenland, Rockingham County. His son Joshua was the great-great-grandfather of John Porter Weeks, the subject of this sketch. Joshua Weeks's son William was the father of Major William Weeks, who served in the Continental army during the Revolution. He is said to have been one of Washington's staff officers. He was Paymaster in 1776 and later. (See New Hampshire State Papers, Revolutionary Rolls.)

Deacon William, son of Major William Weeks, and the father of John Porter, was a native of Hopkinton, N.H. On May 26, 1835, he married Louisa, daughter of the Rev. Huntington Porter, of Rye. They had five children; namely, Ann L., Ellen M., Sarah P., George W., and John Porter. Ann L. died on July 8, 1889. Ellen M. lives at the old homestead. Sarah P. died on February 10, 1895. George W. met with a tragic death, being killed at the Bay Side Railroad Crossing on January 7, 1893. He left a widow, Mrs. Sarah L. Robinson Weeks, and one son, William.

John Porter Weeks was the youngest of the family. He was born on the old homestead, and lived with his parents until September 16, 1861, when he enlisted in Company K, Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers. He was mustered into service at Concord, N.H., on October 12, 1861, going thence to Virginia,



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where he remained in camp at Alexandria during the winter of 1861–62. He was the youngest man of the company, but he was promoted to Corporal the same year. While in the army, he was taken sick, first with the measles, and then with lung fever, which obliged him to go to the camp hospital and Fortress Monroe, where he later rejoined his regiment. Mr. Weeks was then taken ill with typhoid fever, which confined him for three weeks in the hospital at David's Island, N.Y. After a furlough he was discharged on account of disability. He served as Corporal, but was discharged as Sergeant. He and his brother, George W., then took charge of the home farm, and in 1878 erected a fine house and barn, all new buildings on the west side of the road. Mr. Weeks owns three hundred acres of land, carrying on general farming and dairy business. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, having been Chairman of the Republican Club for twenty-five years. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Weeks has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married on April 26, 1870, was Miss Ellen, daughter of the Hon. Charles Hatch. She died on June 16, 1874. On September 14, 1876, he married Laura A., daughter of Nathan R. Foss. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks have three children — Mabel P., born on July 11, 1878; Carrie F., who was born on March 26, 1881; and Alice H., born on November 12, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are members of the Congregationalist church, where he has served as Deacon since the death of his father. Their children are the seventh in descent from Leonard, the early ancestor; and they are now living on a part of the land owned by him more than three centuries ago.

GEORGE BROWN WEBSTER, who is numbered among the oldest citizens of Rockingham County, his birth having occurred May 31, 1813, is one of the most thrifty and prosperous farmers of East Kingston, his native place, and one of its most honored and respected citizens.

His father, John Webster, was born in this town, March 27, 1772, and died here October 5, 1848, his entire life after marriage having been spent on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, George B. Webster. John Webster, a tanner as well as farmer, was an honest, industrious man, and labored hard to rear and educate his children. He married Judith Brown, who was born in South Hampton, N.H., August 27, 1775, and died March 7, 1876, at the remarkable age of one hundred years and seven months. They had a family of five children, all sons, George Brown, the subject of this sketch, being the only survivor. Of the other four the following is a brief record: Jeremy, born October 21, 1803, died October 8, 1834; John Currier, born September 8, 1805, died March 10, 1857; George, born in April, 1810, died May 15 of the same year; and Calvin, born May 24, 1811, died August 19, 1847.

Mr. Webster is the representative of one of the old New Hampshire families, and can trace his ancestry in a direct line back to one Thomas Webster, a life resident of Ormsby, Norfolk County, England, whose son Thomas came to America. Thomas Webster, second, married in 1656 Sarah Brewer, and died at Hampton, N.H., in 1718. They had, besides several daughters, five sons, as follows: Thomas, third, born in 1665; Ebenezer, born in 1667; Isaac, born in 1670; John, born in 1673; and Joshua, born in 1676. The two older sons were granted land in Kingston, N.H., this county, in 1694, and settled here in 1700; and the next two in order of birth, Isaac and John, were made freeholders, and assigned lots of land in 1705, and at various times afterward. Daniel Webster, the distinguished statesman and orator, was a great-grandson of Ebenezer, of this third generation of Websters, who was one of the earliest settlers of East Kingston. Colonel Ebenezer, of the fifth generation, and his father, Ebenezer, of the fourth, were both born in East Kingston. Thomas, third, the eldest son of Thomas, second, married; and his son Benjamin, born August 24, 1701, was the first child born in Kingston.

Captain John Webster, the fourth son of Thomas and Sarah (Brewer) Webster, was a mariner, and lived in various towns in Massa-

chusetts, but finally settled in Rye, N.H., then within the limits of Hampton, dying there between 1725 and 1735. He was a very prominent man, and active in town affairs. He married Abiah Shaw, who bore him eight children, namely: Jeremiah, born December 21, 1703, settled in East Kingston, and there spent his life, being very active and influential in town and church matters; Joshua and Charity, twins, born in 1706; John, born in 1712; Thomas, born July 1, 1715; Caleb, born in March, 1719; and Abiah and Elizabeth. Thomas and John left their native town, and lived in neighboring towns of this State.

Jeremiah, son of Captain John and Abiah (Shaw) Webster, and the next in line of descent now being considered, was married, June 19, 1724, to Elizabeth Ladd, and had a family of twelve children, several of whom died young, three passing away in one month, May 26, 27, and 28, of the year 1735. The surviving children were: Jeremiah, born in 1743; Jonathan Ladd, born August 16, 1745; Nathaniel, born November 11, 1748; Dolly, born in May, 1754; and Eliphalet, born February 24, 1752.

The line was continued through Jonathan Ladd Webster, the eldest of the sons above named. He married Judith Currier, and the record of their children is as follows: Dolly, born November 7, 1769; John, born March 27, 1772; Jeremy, born September 10, 1774; Anna, born in 1777; Molly, born in 1779; Ruth, born in 1780; Jonathan, born November 6, 1782; Judith, born in 1785; and Elizabeth, born in 1791. The eldest son, John, the father of George Brown Webster, married Judith Brown, as above mentioned, and had a family of five children. John Currier, the second son born to the parents, married Mary Guilford, and settled in Lynn, Mass., where he reared his family, which included two sons, Jeremy and Samuel, and four daughters. Jeremy, who is of the eighth generation from Thomas Webster, of Ormsby, England, married Jane Kelley, who has borne him five children, these being of the ninth generation.

George Brown Webster received good educational advantages, and was graduated from the English department of Phillips-Exeter Academy in 1832. Going to Hackettstown, N.J., in 1833, he there engaged in teaching for nearly two years. Then on account of a death in the family he was called home; and for the succeeding ten years he carried on general farming and tanning in the summer season, and taught in the district schools of this vicinity winters. In 1844 and 1845 Mr. Webster had charge of a school in that part of Lynn, Mass., that is now called Swampscott. He afterward engaged in a retail grocery business in Manchester, N.H., for two years; and then, on the death of his brother Calvin, he returned to East Kingston to assume charge of the ancestral homestead, and care for his parents. Here he has since lived. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of valuable land, which, under his intelligent and systematic management, has been highly cultivated and improved. Besides raising the usual crops of this locality, he carries on a large dairy business, and raises some stock. Mr. Webster has ever taken a deep interest in political matters, and is now an adherent of the Republican party, which he joined on its formation. He uniformly does his duty at the polls, having missed but few elections since casting his first Presidential vote in 1836 for the Whig candidate. For many years he has served as a member of the School Committee, was Selectman four years, and has filled the office of Justice of the Peace for forty years. He was one of the Directors of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company for twoscore years, and for a long time was President of the Squamscot Savings Bank of Exeter, of which he is now one of the Trustees.

Mr. Webster was married, July 6, 1846, to Martha Tilton Rowe, who was born February 4, 1819, in East Kingston, a daughter of Joseph F. and Mary (Thayer) Rowe, both natives of this county, the father having been born in Kensington, and the mother in Kingston. After their marriage the parents settled in East Kingston, where they continued their residence through life. Mrs. Webster comes of pioneer stock on both sides of the house, her paternal grandfather having been Dr. Benjamin Rowe, a prominent physician of Kensington; and his father, also Dr. Benjamin Rowe, Sr., was likewise a well-known

medical man of this county, in which he was engaged in the practice of his profession for many years. On her mother's side Mrs. Webster is the grand-daughter of Elihu Thayer, D.D., one of the early pastors of the Congregational church in Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster have four children; namely, Emma, John, Joseph, and Eliza Jane. Emma, born June 21, 1847, resides in Brentwood, being the wife of Francis H. Gowen. John, born November 19, 1849, and now engaged in mining in New Mexico, married Miss Annie Armstrong. Eliza Jane, born December 9, 1854, is the wife of Charles G. Gooch, of Exeter. Joseph R., born February 16, 1852, lives with his parents, and assists in carrying on the farm. He married Mrs. Cora M. Carter, who was born in Boston, Mass., February 12, 1849, but lived in the town of Newton, this State. This son, who has always remained on the paternal homestead, is a man of prominence in the town, and has served in various public offices, having been Town Clerk and Selectman, and is now a member of the Board of Education. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the Exeter Lodge, and is also a member of the grange, Patrons of Husbandry, at Kensington.

DAVID H. ELKINS, late a successful contractor and builder of Milton, Mass., whose widow, Mrs. Mary E. Elkins, now resides with one of her sons at Hampton Falls, was born in Hampton, N.H., June 5, 1831, his parents being David B. and Mary (Batchelder) Elkins. He was a representative of one of the longest established families of English extraction in New Hampshire.

The founder of this branch of the Elkins family in the New World was Henry Elkins, who came early to Boston, where he engaged in business as a tailor, and in 1635 was admitted as a freeman. Removing to Exeter, N.H., he was one of the signers of the Combination in 1639. In 1650 he removed to Hampton. His wife, Mary, died in March, 1659; and he survived her about nine years, dying November 19, 1668. His will, now in the possession of the family, was made in 1667. By it he divided his property between his two sons, Gershom and Eleazer, giving the larger portion to Gershom. The last clause of the will reads, "I do appoint my son, Gershom Elkins, to be my lawful executor to this my last will and testament, who is to take care for my comfortable subsistence while I live, and for my decent burial at my death, in a Christian manner and custom; and for ye confirmation of this my last will and testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal ye 27 day of April, 1667. Sealed, signed, and confirmed in ye presence of Henry Dalton and Mehitable Dalton."

Gershom Elkins was born about 1641. He married Mary Sleeper, daughter of Thomas Sleeper, and by this union had five children. Gershom Elkins was chosen Deacon of the Hampton church on November 26, 1706. He was Representative from the town of Hampton in 1708. His will was dated June 9, 1714, and proved March 5, 1718. Thomas, son of Deacon Gershom Elkins, was born in 1682. He married February 8, 1711, Hannah, daughter of Seth Fogg; and they had six children. Henry, son of Thomas Elkins, was born March 9, 1728. He and his wife, Mary Moore, of Loudon, whom he married probably in 1757, had ten children. He was appointed Captain of the First Company in the Third Regiment of Foot of Rockingham, March 26, 1771. Jeremiah, son of Captain Henry Elkins, was born February 14, 1770. He married Mary, daughter of Deacon David Batchelder, of Hampton Falls, and settled at Bride Hill, where he engaged in general farming until his death at the age of forty-one, March 10, 1811. He had five children, namely: Betsy, born in 1794, who married Thomas Roby, of North Hampton; Mary, born in 1796, who married first Jonathan Locke, second Ira Page; David Batchelder, born in 1798; Lydia, born in July, 1802, who married Simon Roby; and Henry, born in 1800.

David B. Elkins was educated in the district schools of his native town of Hampton; and he remained on the paternal estate all his days, successfully engaged in agriculture. With him lived also his brothers and sisters, fellow-inheritors of the estate, whom he in-

vited to make their home on the old place after he assumed the management of it. He was a man of sterling character, ever willing to help his fellow-men. In religious belief and sentiment he was a Congregationalist, and was a member of the church of that persuasion at Hampton, in which he officiated for a number of years as Deacon. He met his death by falling from a beam in the barn, November 25, 1854, at the age of fifty-six. His departure was a great loss to the Congregational church. He was deeply mourned by his wife and children and the community at large. His wife, Mary, daughter of John Batchelder, of North Hampton, died in August, 1870. Their children were: Mary Batchelder, who married Albert S. Wilson, of Kittery; David Henry, born June 5, 1831; Daniel Webster, born March 18, 1833, who married Annie M., daughter of David Walker; John, born April 26, 1840, who died young; and Sarah Elizabeth, born April 28, 1843, who married first Fabyan P. Drake, of Hampton, second William Fernald, of Kittery. Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel W. and Annie M. Elkins, and the wife of Robert Paterson, of Portsmouth, now owns the old homestead.

David H. Elkins acquired his intellectual equipment for the cares and burdens of life at the district schools of Hampton and at Hampton Academy. At the age of twenty-one he left home, going first to Woburn, Mass., where he worked two years at the carpenter's trade, and then to Milton, Mass., working with John H. Burt, of that place, until the death of his father called him home. The three succeeding years he spent in Hampton, where he and his brother carried on the farm. In September, 1859, his brother took the farm; and he removed with his family to Milton, Mass., where he was successfully engaged as a builder and contractor until his death.

He was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Evelyn White, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Green) White, formerly residents of Phillipston, Mass. Her father moved to Milton in 1842, and died there March 26, 1870. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Elkins was blessed in the birth of eight children, as follows: Addie M., who was born at Hampton, August 29, 1857, and who lived to be but six years of age; Benjamin W., born November 20, 1859; David H., born February 18, 1861; Lizzie E., born April 25, 1864; Albert W., born July 8, 1866; Mattie L., who died an infant of two months; John W.; and Herbert G.—all of whom, with the exception of the first mentioned, were born at Milton, Mass.

Benjamin W. Elkins married, November 19, 1892, Miss Isabel Brown, daughter of George C. and Laura Brown, of Hampton Falls. They live on the farm to which the family removed December 11, 1880. David was united in marriage, October 25, 1883, with Miss Alice Brown, of the same town, daughter of John J. and Mary R. Brown; and they now reside at Amesbury, Mass., where he is employed by the firm of Charles Wing & Co. They have four children, namely: Marion G., born January 28, 1886; Gertrude Alice, born August 18, 1888; Marguerite W., who is a twin sister of Dorothea R., born in February, 1891. Lizzie Elkins was married to Everett A. Weare, son of G. Austin and Mary L. Weare, and is at present a farmer of Seabrook, N.H. They have one child, a daughter, M. Evelyn Lorena, born December 6, 1886. Albert W. Elkins, who is a carpenter by trade, received in marriage, October 9, 1889, the hand of Miss Alice M. Chace, a native of Seabrook, and daughter of John N. and Mary Abbie Chace. They have two children—David Harold, born April 25, 1893; and Ray Chace, born February 25, 1895. John W. Elkins and his brother, Herbert G., have never married. The former went to South Norridgewock in December, 1894, and is there engaged in farming. The latter served an apprenticeship as joiner at the Kittery navy yard, where he is at present employed. In December, 1880, they came to Hampton Falls, and purchased the George H. Dodge place in the village, which their brother Benjamin now operates.

In political belief and action Mr. David H. Elkins was identified with the Republican party, of whose principles he was a stanch supporter and vigorous advocate. His death occurred December 16, 1874, at Milton, Mass.; and his mortal remains were there interred. This record of Rockingham County worthies justly incorporates a sketch of the

life of Mr. Elkins, who through enterprise and industry achieved success in business, and by his admirable qualities won the respect and confidence of all those who came within the circle of his acquaintance. Mrs. Elkins, having reared her children to tread the paths of virtue, to fill places of usefulness and honor, still lives to enjoy the fruit of her solicitous toil, to be the object of their fond and grateful care, and of the cordial esteem and good will of the community in which she dwells.

JAMES NOWELL, a retired farmer and a venerable and esteemed citizen of East Derry, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in the town of Derry, May 8, 1822, being a son of Nathaniel and Mary (Kenniston) Nowell. He is a representative of a much respected family in this part of New England.

His great-grandfather Nowell was a Frenchman, and was distantly related to General Lafayette, of honored Revolutionary fame. He was the father of Nathaniel Nowell, a sea captain, who emigrated from his native land, and, traversing the Atlantic, settled in York County, Maine. In that locality, where they resided for a period of years, the history of the family in this country was initiated. They subsequently removed to Newburyport, Mass., whence they later changed their residence to Derry, N.H. This last removal was made in 1791, when Philip Nowell, a brother of the father of the subject of this sketch, was about four years of age.

Philip Nowell here attained to man's estate, and was engaged in general agricultural pursuits until he became fifty years old, when he returned to Newburyport. After remaining in that city only a few years he came back to East Derry, where his decease occurred in 1872, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. He was an adherent of the Republican party in politics. In Mr. Philip Nowell's death the town of Derry lost one of its most worthy citizens, and a notice of his life is therefore justly and gratefully inserted in this sketch.

Nathaniel Nowell, second of the name, son of Nathaniel, first, and father of James Nowell, was born in Newburyport, and for many years in the earlier portion of his life followed the sea, being a captain of a vessel. Discontinuing that career, he retired to a farm in Derry, on which he passed the declining days of his life. He wedded Miss Mary Kenniston, a native of Stratham, N.H. Of their children only two, James and Samuel, now survive. In politics Mr. James Nowell's father was a member of the Whig party. He died April 15, 1843, and his wife in 1856. James Kenniston, Mrs. Mary K. Nowell's father, was a soldier in the Revolution for seven years.

James Nowell in his youth had the advantage only of the educational privileges furnished by the district schools of his native town. Though limited, these privileges were utilized, and, coupled with the instruction acquired through his practical experience, one of the most efficient of pedagogues, and united with the spirit of enterprise and progressiveness, render him well informed and disciplined. He grew to manhood on the paternal estate, and became thoroughly acquainted with the various lines of agricultural pursuits. He resided on his estate, successfully engaged in its management until 1872, when he removed to East Derry, where he has since lived in retirement from the active duties and responsibilities of life and in the enjoyment of the fruit of his industry and thrift. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Almost the entire length of Mr. Nowell's long life of over seventy-four years has been passed in the vicinity of the township of Derry, and he has thus formed a very broad circle of intimate acquaintances. The manifold expressions of his character in word and deed have won for him the most cordial confidence and the warmest esteem of all his fellows, and it is earnestly hoped that many years more of life are yet in store for him.

JAMES D. P. WINGATE, editor and proprietor of the Exeter *Gazette*, was born in Exeter, April 2, 1855, son of Samuel Dana and Oriana (Mitchell) Wingate. The "History of the Wingate Family," edited by C. E. L. Wingate, man-

aging editor of the Boston *Journal*, and published by his brother, James D. P., traces the family back to 1154, when Lord Hemyng de Wingate, one of the nobles of King Henry II., and who lived until 1189, was its representative. One of Lord Wingate's descendants, John Wingate, who was born in England about 1636, was a planter at Hilton's Point, now Dover, N.H., in 1658. The old homestead on Dover Neck, still in the possession of the family, is occupied at present by Joseph William Wingate, of the sixth generation, who was born in 1827. James D. P. is the eighth in line from the English John Wingate, being a descendant of the sixth son, Joshua. His great-grandfather, Paine Wingate, of Stratham, N.H., was a clergyman of the Congregational church, a member of the New Hampshire legislature that met in the old house now known as the Perry house, United States Senator, and Judge of the Superior Court. The grandfather, John Wingate, known as Deacon John Wingate, was a well-to-do farmer, and died in 1831, in his fifty-first year. He was married in 1808 to Sally Piper, of Stratham, who, having lived eighty-four years, died in 1872. They had five daughters and five sons, of whom the following are living: Sarah, now eighty-six years old, but still active and in possession of her faculties, the widow of Asa Pratt Parkman, of Palmyra, Me.; Anna H., seventy-nine years of age, the wife of John H. Gilbert, of Ipswich, Mass.; George, seventy-five years of age, a resident of Stratham; Joseph C. A., sixty-five years of age, who was United States Consul at Swatow and Foo-Chow, China, for over a quarter of a century, now residing on the Wingate homestead at Stratham; and Henry P., seventy-three years of age, a farmer of Stratham.

Samuel Dana Wingate, who was born in Stratham, December 23, 1826, spent the greater part of his life in Exeter, where he conducted a carriage manufactory. He was Registrar of Probate for a number of years, and was Pension Agent after the war. His death occurred in 1867, when he was forty-one years of age. On February 8, 1854, he was married to Oriana, daughter of Lewis and Fanny (Dearborn) Mitchell, of Exeter. They reared five daughters and two sons. Both sons and three of the daughters are living in Exeter and Haverhill, Mass. On October 21, 1873, she was again married to James Monroe Lovering, a prominent politician, who was Collector of Internal Revenue for a while, and at the time of his death, in 1885, Appraiser in the United States custom-house at Boston. She lived to be sixty-one, passing away October 1, 1895.

James D. P. Wingate received his education in the Exeter public schools, graduating with honors at the age of eighteen. He was but seventeen years of age when he published his first newspaper, the New Market *Advertiser*. This journal, a respectable weekly, is still published at New Market. In 1876 Mr. Wingate established the Exeter *Gazette*, and for three years he managed both that and the *Advertiser*. He then disposed of the latter paper, and has since confined his attention to the *Gazette*. This journal, which started as a four-page sheet, has now eight pages and a circulation of three thousand copies, the majority of the subscribers being residents of Rockingham County. Mr. Wingate is an able journalist, and keeps in step with the progress of the times. Besides conducting his own paper he is local reporter for the Associated Press and the Boston *Journal*. For some time he has been manager of the Exeter Opera House. In politics Mr. Wingate is a Republican. He has been a Justice of the Peace since he attained his majority.

On June 7, 1883, he was married to Helen Woodbury Locke, daughter of Woodbury and Jane (Smith) Locke, of Portsmouth. Mrs. Wingate, who is a very bright business woman, is also gifted with literary talent. She is the local correspondent for the Boston *Daily Globe*. The couple have two children — Helen, who was born May 25, 1885; and Dorothy, born April 12, 1896. They have a handsome residence on Maple Street, erected at the time of their marriage.

FREDERICK J. SHEPARD, one of the leading financiers of Derry, N.H., the present cashier of the Derry National Bank, was born in Framingham, Mass., Au-

gust 16, 1851, son of William H. and Rosina J. (Johnson) Shepard. The Shepard family is of Scotch-Irish origin. William H. Shepard, who was a New Hampshire man by birth, was engaged in the manufacture of woollens for a number of years. About 1857 he moved to a farm in East Derry, and there spent the rest of his life. He was an ambitious and energetic man, endowed with much nervous force, and sure to distinguish himself wherever he went. A member of the Republican party, he served as Selectman of Derry, represented the town in the State legislature, and was State Senator from the Londonderry district. He died in 1893. His wife, who was a native of New Hampshire, died in Derry in 1887.

Frederick J. Shepard, the only surviving child of his parents, was about six years of age when they removed to Derry. He received his education in the public schools of that town and at Pinkerton Academy. Reared on a farm, he devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits until 1882, when he was appointed Cashier of the Derry National Bank. In this position his natural aptitude for finance quickly developed, and in time he became connected with the most important business enterprises of the town. He is now Treasurer of Pinkerton Academy, of the Derry Water-works Company, of the Derry Electric Light Company, of the Chester & Derry Railroad, running between Chester and Derry, of the Lafayette Mineral Spring Company at Derry Depot, and of the Citizens' Building Association. While attending to all these offices, he has efficiently performed his duties at the National Bank for fourteen years. This institution, which is liberally patronized by the business public of Derry and the surrounding towns, has recently moved into a new building at Derry Depot, which is admirably located, and fitted with all conveniences for business.

Mr. Shepard was married in 1887 to Miss Annie E. Bartlett, a grand-daughter of General Joseph Cilley, of Nottingham, N.H. He now has four sons — Frederick J., Allen B., Henry, and one not yet named. He is prominently interested in local politics, has been Secretary and President of the Republican Club of Derry, and he served for many years as Town Treasurer. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the branch of the order at Nashua, N.H., and to Trinity Commandery of Knights Templars at Manchester, N.H. He is also a member of Echo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Derry Depot, and of the Knights of Pythias at the same place. His remarkable skill in financial affairs has made him a most important factor in the business life of the town.

JOSEPH CILLEY BURLEY, of Epping, Rockingham County, who is prominently identified with all the leading enterprises and industries of this section of New Hampshire, was born in Epping on January 13, 1830. His parents were Captain Benjamin and Elizabeth Ann (Cilley) Burley. Giles Burley, the first American ancestor of this family, was living in Ipswich, Mass., as early as 1648. He belonged to an English family of Saxon descent, which held high rank in the mother country for many generations. He was a commoner in 1664, and died before 1669.

James Burley, son of Giles and Elizabeth Burley, was born on February 10, 1659. His first wife, whom he married on May 25, 1685, was Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Worcester) Stacy, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Witham Worcester, of Salisbury. She died on October 21, 1686. Within seven years thereafter he married his second wife, Elizabeth; and he shortly removed to Exeter, where he died about 1721. His son Thomas, born on April 5, 1697, was the father of Thomas, second, who was born on July 2, 1723, and married Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Gordon) Haley. She was a granddaughter of Sergeant Haley, who was killed by the Indians near Fort Saco in 1695. Thomas Burley, second, died in Epping on June 1, 1805. His wife was born on August 10, 1725, and died December 2, 1809. Their son, Thomas Burley, third, was born on August 14, 1766, was a wealthy and influential farmer of Epping. He married first on July 21, 1798, Nancy, daughter of Captain Benjamin Hoit. She died in November, 1814;

and he married on May 18, 1818, Mary, daughter of Gordon and Mary (Prescott) Lawrence, and widow of Ezekiel Brown. Thomas Burley, third, died on May 15, 1847.

Captain Benjamin Burley, son of Thomas and Nancy (Hoit) Burley, and the father of the subject of this biographical sketch, was born on April 10, 1803. The Captain was a farmer, and also served efficiently in town and State offices. He was a noble-hearted, philanthropic gentleman of the old school, who dealt kindly with the erring, and sought to ameliorate the condition of such as were unfortunate from any cause. Being a great worker, with a high moral standard, he left an impress for good on the community. On November 7, 1826, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Greenleaf and Jane (Neally) Cilley, of Nottingham, N.H. She was born on July 11, 1804. The Hon. Joseph Cilley, United States Senator from New Hampshire, and the Hon. Jonathan Cilley, member of Congress from Maine, were her brothers. Mrs. Burley died on October 3, 1876, outliving her husband fifteen years.

Joseph C. Burley, the only son of his parents, received the best education afforded by the schools of his native town, and gained in early life the discipline which comes from hard labor. He began his business career in 1854 as station agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad at New Market; but, owing to the death of his father, he subsequently returned home to look after the farm, and cheer his mother's declining years. When he was but twenty-one, he officiated as Superintending School Committee, having thus early manifested the character and abilities which won the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Burley was an ardent advocate and promoter of the Nashua & Rochester Railroad, being one of its organizers, and serving as a Director. He became interested in the New Market Bank in 1855, and in 1857 was chosen a Director. In 1865 the bank was organized as a national bank, Mr. Burley still serving as Director till 1878, when he was elected President, continuing in office till 1893, when he retired. He has also been President of the Epping Savings Bank since its organization. In 1871 Mr. Burley entered into partnership with the Hon. Samuel Plummer Dow, and carried on extensive lumber dealings. Samuel P. Dow died in 1874, the present associate being Colonel Winthrop N. Dow, of Exeter. During a single winter the firm operated five steam mills, contracting to deliver five million feet of lumber within the year. Mr. Burley is a man of much business sagacity and insight, and of inflexible honor. His advice is much sought after to settle the thousand and one questions which arise in the perplexities of every-day life. He is a safe counsellor because he never acts without mature deliberation. In all the various departments of his extensive business he has shown that he is a man of rare executive genius. Prior to 1856 Mr. Burley was a Democrat; but since that time he has acted with the Republicans, and has had great local influence within the ranks, having frequently been standard bearer in the town elections. He has served as County Commissioner, being Chairman of the board three terms, also as Selectman, and as Representative to the legislature.

He was married on December 17, 1855, to Sarah Elizabeth Haley, daughter of Samuel Haley, of Epping. Five children are the fruit of this union: Nannie, Harry Benjamin, Alice, Jennie, and Benjamin Thomas. Nannie, born October 5, 1857, married Harry Walter, son of Wallace and Kate B. (George) Burleigh, of Franklin, and resides with her husband near the Webster farm in that town. Harry Benjamin, born May 26, 1867, was admitted in 1882 to the Chandler Scientific School of Dartmouth College, and after one year entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, graduating in the class of 1889. The three daughters — Nannie; Alice, who was born September 23, 1870; and Jennie, born September 10, 1872 — are graduates of Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass. Alice is also a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston. Benjamin Thomas Burley, who was born November 26, 1874, is now a Senior at Harvard, class of 1897.

Mr. Burley owns the fine farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres in Epping formerly occupied by his great-grandfather, Thomas Burley. The old dwelling-house still stands

a few rods north of the present residence, which is an attractive building of modern architecture and appointments. Mr. Burley has a keen sense of humor, is good-natured and magnetic, and has won many friends, who delight in his companionship. He is a member of the Nottingham Universalist church, and consistently shows his faith by his works. He has a congenial helpmate in his good wife, who is a woman of ready sympathy and wise counsel.

FRANK LEWIS KEYES, of Portsmouth, N.H., a hero of the late war, whose bravery in action cost him the use of his limbs, and whose endurance through long years of suffering is almost without parallel, was born in Lee, Mass., August 31, 1832. His parents were Veranus and Mary Grant (Lewis) Keyes. His great-grandfather, Abner Keyes, first, was the youngest son of Ezekiel Keyes, of Chelmsford, Mass., and a great-grandson of Solomon Keyes, an early settler of Newbury, Mass.

Abner Keyes, first, was in Captain Fletcher's company in an expedition to Canada in 1758 during the French and Indian War; and he also fought in the Revolutionary War. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Shedd, reared nine daughters and two sons. He died at the home of his son Abner in 1819. The second Abner was born in Hollis, N.H., in 1781. The greater part of his active life was devoted to the pursuit of agriculture in Hancock, N.H., where he died February 12, 1837. He married Susanna Barton, who bore him twelve children. His only daughter, Ruth, married State Senator Hiram Monroe, of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. Corydon D., the seventh son, studied and practised medicine. He served as a soldier in the Civil War, in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and died at Baton Rouge, La., in June, 1863.

Veranus Keyes, another son of Abner, second, was born in Hancock, N.H., September 22, 1813, and in his boyhood attended the common schools and the high school of his native town. He early learned the paper-maker's trade, which at that time required more art and skill in the individual workmen than now, the paper being made one sheet at a time; and, when improved machinery was introduced, he was one of the first men sent out to set up the new machines in different factories. He worked for many years in the Newton (Mass.) paper-mills, which were owned by the late ex-Governor Rice, of Massachusetts. Mr. Veranus Keyes died April 1, 1896. He found more than a livelihood in the paper-mills; for the sweet face of Mary Lewis won his heart, and he took her from the noisy factory to preside over his quiet home. She was a daughter of Ephraim Lewis, of Pittsfield, Mass., and was of English descent, her great-grandfather Lewis being a British officer, whose ship was sunk in Boston Harbor at the time of the Revolutionary troubles. Mr. and Mrs. Veranus Keyes reared three children — Frank Lewis, the subject of this sketch; Susan Ellen; and Mary Flora O. Susan E. Keyes married Andrew J. Varnum, of Antrim, N.H., by whom she had three children. Of these one, John L., is living. The two eldest, Charles and Mary F., were drowned. Mrs. Varnum also lost her first husband; and she is now the wife of G. W. Wesson, of Ashland, N.H., by whom she has one daughter, Flora M. Mary F. O. Keyes, who was born September 21, 1846, died in February, 1893. She was the wife of Arthur Porter, of North Adams, Mass., and the mother of three children, two of whom, Willie and Frank, are living.

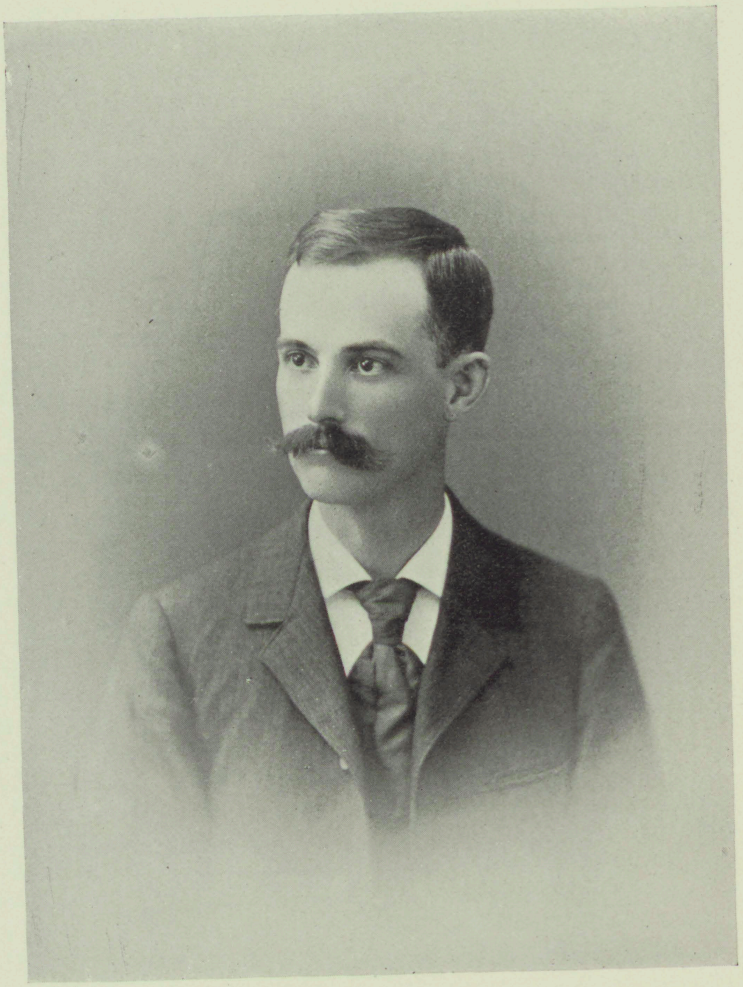
Frank Lewis Keyes received his early education in the schools of Nashua, N.H., and attended evening school for some time after going to work. He learned the carriage maker's trade, at which he was working when the panic of 1857 caused a depression in the business; and he then entered the employ of Prescott Brothers, piano manufacturers, of Concord, N.H., He remained with this firm until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted, responding to President Lincoln's first call for troops, and being one of the men mustered in during the first week. He was enrolled as a private in the First New Hampshire Regiment for three months; and, when the first call for three years' men was made, he re-enlisted as a member of Company B,

Sharp's Rifle Corps, Second New Hampshire Volunteers, being one of the first men to re-enlist on the first evening after the call. The Second New Hampshire was one of the first three-year regiments. Mr. Keyes enlisted the first week of June, and was commissioned by the governor to take out the men of the First Regiment who were on furlough and sick leave, being commissioned First Lieutenant and ranking as Captain. He was in the first battle of Bull Run, and was afterward on special duty for some time, being finally assigned to the secret service and signal corps under Major Myer. He was one of the three messengers specially chosen by General McClellan to convey important despatches to Washington during the Peninsular Campaign; and at three different times he ran the gauntlet of the enemy's fire, carrying despatches to the gunboats in the James River. During the terrific slaughter of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862, a bursting shell struck his horse. The animal in his death agony reared and fell over on his rider, crushing him to the ground, where he was pinned for five hours, from four until nine P.M., the battle in the mean time raging about him. The firing ceased some time after dark; but Mr. Keyes was left for two days in the wheat-field where he fell, with a steady rain beating upon him. The shock of his fall deprived him of consciousness, delirium followed, and he has no recollection of ensuing events until he found himself in a hospital in Philadelphia. He was taken from the field of Malvern Hill to Harrison's Landing in a hospital ship, and thence to the Quaker City. After being received at the hospital, his muscles contracted until his knees were drawn up to within a foot of his chin, and his feet and hands were drawn out of shape. He was in the hospital over four months; and, though he received the best of care and medical treatment, General McClellan himself visiting him, and seeing that all that was possible should be done, and Dr. Hammond, the head surgeon, paying him a personal visit, he improved but little. As a last resort, he was taken to the Hon. Henry C. Carey's private residence, where physicians not connected with the hospital were called to see him; but the unanimous verdict was that he was past help, and had better be taken home. Accordingly, he was conveyed by steamship to Boston, from there by easy stages to his father's home in Antrim, N.H., and thence to Concord Mr. Keyes was in bed in a sitting position for ten years, and now moves about in a wheel-chair. He is confined to the house in winter, but in summer enjoys a ride, having made a carriage for himself.

He was married, November 1, 1854, to Miss Eliza Hay, who died April 9, 1860. She was the mother of two children: Willie P.; and Harry, who died in early childhood. Mr. Keyes was again married August 1, 1866, Miss Almena P. Quimby becoming his wife. She is the daughter of Nicholas Quimby, of Danville, N.H., and the sister of Professor E. T. Quimby, of Dartmouth College.

Mr. Keyes voted in 1860 for President Lincoln, his last vote; for he has not visited the polls since. As a Mason, he is an honorary member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, of Concord, the only honorary member of that order; and he and his wife belong to Eastern Star Chapter, No. 5. He was made a member of E. E. Sturdevant Post, Union Veterans' Union, Grand Army of the Republic, of Concord, N.H., while bedridden, the comrades gathering at his home for the mustering in ceremonies, and was commissioned aide-de-camp to John H. Roberts, with the rank of Colonel.

JOHN DURELL MEADER, a respected resident of New Market, was born in Durham, N.H., July 16, 1824. He is a lineal descendant of John Meader, born in 1630 in Yorkshire, England, who emigrated to this country in 1650. He had a grant of land in 1656, lived at Oyster River, was taxed 1661–67. The garrison at that place was destroyed in 1694. He was alive about 1711–12. He married Abigail Follet, and their children were: first, an infant, name unknown; Elizabeth, born March 26, 1665; John, Jr., born 1667; Sarah, born January 11, 1669; Nathaniel, born January 14, 1671; Nicholas, the date of whose birth is unknown; and Joseph. (This last on the authority of tradition.)



CLARENCE M. COLLINS.

Nicholas Meader, above named, settled in Dover; and he and his wife Lydia had five or more children, namely: Kesiah, born June 23, 1709; Samuel, born January 15, 1711; Nicholas, born October 9, 1712; John, born October 8, 1715; Daniel, born November 6, 1718.

John Meader, the son of Nicholas, undoubtedly was the father of Stephen Meader, who married Rose Quimby, of Newington, N.H., March 27, 1778. Their children, in order of birth, were as follows: James; Aaron, who died in 1842; John, born in New Durham, died in 1834; William; Jonathan; Rebecca; Mary L.; Betsey; and Deborah. Stephen Meader was a Revolutionary soldier, and fought for American independence under General Stark at Bunker Hill. He later joined Washington's command at Cambridge, and served until the close of the war.

John Meader, the son of Stephen and Rose (Quimby) Meader, married Betsey Edgerly, of Durham (she born 1790, died 1854), to which place he removed when quite a young man. Their children were: James, born 1813, died 1868; William, born 1815, died 1882; Stephen, born January 1, 1819, died 1890; John D., born July 16, 1824; Dudley Prescott, born June 5, 1827.

On the maternal side the subject of this sketch is descended from Thomas Edgerly, who built the Edgerly Garrison in Durham, N.H. He was taxed at Oyster River in 1665, and admitted freeman in 1672. He was a Justice of the Peace in 1674. In 1715 he was still living. He had at least three children, sons — Zachariah, Thomas, and Samuel, the last being the one from whom Betsey Edgerly and her son, John Durell Meader, are descended.

John Durell Meader was educated in the common schools. He resided in his native town of Durham during his minority until at an early age he began to learn the machinist's trade in Manchester, N.H. He subsequently followed his trade in Boston, Mass., to which city he went after his marriage in 1846. He remained in Boston until 1866, when he removed to New Market, N.H., which he has since made his home. As a mechanic, he helped to made the first Grover and Baker sewing-machines that were put upon the market. He made for the Alger Iron Works, South Boston, Mass., the two smooth-bore, eleven-inch Columbiads for the good old "Kearsarge" that sunk the rebel cruiser, "Alabama"; and, although he took no active military part himself, he feels that he did good and effective service for his country. On coming to New Market, he joined the Methodist church, the services of which he attended regularly for many years, and with which his connection remains unsevered, although in later years he has been a member of the Free Baptist society. He joined Squamscot Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of this place, December 14, 1868, and has since retained his membership therewith. He is one of the charter members of Lamprey River Grange, No. 240, Patrons of Husbandry, of this town, organized February 26, 1896, and which has now a membership of nearly seventy. In March, 1895, he was elected one of the Selectmen, and was re-elected in March, 1896.

On November 15, 1846, he married Miss Comfort A. Hill, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Spokefield) Hill, of Campton, N.H. He has one son, John Russell Meader, who is now the settled pastor of the Congregational church at Dalton, N.H. The Rev. John Russell Meader married first Cynthia Dudley, who died; and of this marriage there are three children living — Abigail C., Amy, and John Ernest. For his second wife he married Mabel Crouch, and by her has twin children — Marion and Mabel.

CLARENCE M. COLLINS, of the firm of Witherell & Collins, manufacturers of misses' and children's slippers in South Danville, is a native of this town, born August 12, 1858. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Collins, came to Danville from Hampstead, this county, in the early part of the present century. Jonathan worked at the cooper's trade, and carried on general farming during the remainder of his life.

Leonard W. Collins, the father of Clarence M., was born in Hampstead, and came with his parents to this township. He learned shoemaking and coopering, and worked at

the latter trade in his early life. He is now a man of influence in this community, is actively interested in the welfare of the town where so much of his life has been spent, and at present represents Danville in the New Hampshire legislature. He married Miss Althea Collins, of Danville, and became the father of three children, as follows: Clarence M., Mahlon S., and Agnes H. Mahlon S. died at the age of eighteen years, while attending New Hampton Institution.

Clarence M. Collins was graduated from the Hampton Institution in the class of 1880, where he received a practical education. On leaving school, he started out for himself, becoming junior member of the firm of H. S. & C. M. Collins, who manufactured ladies' uppers and shoes. Disposing of his interest in that firm at the end of a year, Mr. Collins next became a partner of Edward Witherell, of South Danville, forming the firm of Witherell & Collins, who have been prosperously engaged in business since. Their connections extend over a large portion of the United States. The factory, which was established in 1888, is located in South Danville, and gives employment to large numbers of men. All kinds of slippers and shoes are manufactured there, mostly for the wholesale trade. Mr. Collins takes an active interest in politics, supporting the Republican party; and he has served in various minor official capacities, including that of Town Clerk. At present he is the Postmaster of Kingston. He is a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Kingston, St. Alban's Chapter of Exeter, and the Haverhill Commandery.

On December 27, 1883, Mr. Collins married a cousin, Miss Ada F. Collins, who was born in Danville township, May 29, 1859. She is a daughter of Alva B. and Mary A. (Allen) Collins, her father being well known in this locality as a prosperous farmer and lumberman. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have had three children, namely: Irving M., born November 30, 1884; Louise, born June 26, 1892, who died in infancy; and Mildred G., born March 16, 1895. Both parents are members of the Free Baptist church.

With this sketch of his career is presented a speaking portrait of Mr. Collins.

JAMES M. PHILBRICK, a farmer and dairyman of Kingston, N.H., is a descendant of Thomas Philbrick[1], who came from England in 1630. James[2], son of Thomas[1], settled in Hampton, was one of the number who ran the Exeter line in 1670. He was drowned in Hampton River, November 16, 1674. Thomas[3], son of James[2], born March 14, 1659, married Mehitable Ayres, settled in Hampton in 1694, and had ten children. He was a grantee of Kingston, where he died, January 1, 1712.

Jedediah[4], son of the second Thomas, married Mary Taylor, of Kingston, and was the father of ten children. He was a prominent man, was surveyor of land, aided in running the lines of new townships, was Justice of the Peace, Captain of the town, Representative to legislature, Town Clerk, and Deacon of the church, and also a very worthy leader of society. He was born August 9, 1700, and died March 20, 1754. Samuel[5], son of Jedediah, was born February 11, 1739, married February 9, 1767, Sarah Sanborn, of Kingston, and died April 4, 1779, a pious and useful man in society. He had six children. In 1781 his wife and children moved to Springfield, exchanging their farm in Kingston for Esquire Abram Sanborn's. This was an even exchange between brother and sister. Abram[6], son of Samuel, married Hitty, daughter of Eben Loverin, of Exeter. They had nine children. He was born May 16, 1771, married in 1797, died in Springfield, April 23, 1852.

Jeremiah[7], son of Abram[6], born January 7, 1807, married first Lydia J. Sanborn, who died November 22, 1862, at the age of forty-two years. They had four children: James M., born December 30, 1841; Martha J., born April 10, 1842, married Charles V. Pillsbury, a farmer in Milford; Ellen A., born March 27, 1846, married Laroy Williams; Orra M., born July 30, 1850, married Anna Walker, of Lawrence, Mass. Jeremiah Philbrick represented his town in the State legislature in 1864, and in the contest of that session over the proposition to make Manchester the State capital he took an active part against it. In 1866, April 4, he married, second, Mrs. Angie Williams, of Grafton. They had one daughter, Leona G., born August 23,

1871, who married Frank Colby, of Springfield, where she now lives on the Philbrick place, taking care of her mother. Jeremiah Philbrick died in 1887, aged eighty.

James M.[8], son of Jeremiah, and the subject of this sketch, married at Exeter, September 23, 1867, Mary Susan, daughter of Amos and Hannah P. Chase, of Kingston. Their eldest child, Ella J., born in Springfield, married May 23, 1887, George L. Swain, of Brentwood, resided in Exeter, and died March 18, 1888, leaving an infant daughter, Stella, who lived with its grandparents in Kingston, and died March 30, 1895, of scarlet fever, aged seven years; their second child, Stella C., born March 19, 1872, died August 26, 1876, of diphtheria; the third was Hattie E., born April 27, 1874; fourth, Willie J., born January 30, 1880; fifth, John Calef, born June 13, 1882. James M. Philbrick moved to Kingston in April, 1875, and bought the town farm, where he now lives. In 1890 he built a good substantial farm-house, and in 1893 he built a nice barn. He has about one hundred acres of land, which he is steadily improving. He keeps on an average ten cows, and raises yearly four hundred and fifty bushels of corn, besides a good crop of hay and potatoes.

CHARLES H. RAITT, a manufacturer and bottler of small beers in Portsmouth, was born in this city, October 29, 1857, son of Daniel G. and Mary E. (Pettigrew) Raitt. His great-great-grandfather, Alexander Raitt, a native of Scotland, came to America in 1727, landing at New Castle, N.H., and settling at Kittery Point, Me. Alexander was a sea captain, and at one time commanded a privateer. He married a lady who was a sister of Sir William Pepperell, and the widow of Elliott Frost. Of this union was born John Raitt, the great-grandfather of Charles H. John, who was a native of Kittery Point, settled in Eliot, Me., and devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture. He took part in the Revolutionary War on the side of the colonists, and was one of the glorious defenders of Bunker Hill. A large family of children grew up about him. James Raitt, the grandfather of Charles H., was born in Eliot, and grew to maturity there. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and, moving to Portsmouth in 1834, conducted a smithy there on Market Street for a number of years. He lost a leg through an accident, and was obliged to retire from active work in the latter part of his life. His death occurred in 1869, when he was seventy-one years of age. James Raitt married Betsey Tobey, a native of Wells, Me., and a member of one of the old families of that locality. She bore him six boys and three girls. Five of her sons are living.

Daniel G. Raitt, who was the eldest child of his parents, was born in Eliot, July 8, 1822. He learned the blacksmith trade with his father, and worked for him for a number of years. Subsequently he entered the employ of the Boston & Maine and the Fitchburg Railroads, in whose shops he made a reputation for punctuality and good work. He was quartermaster of the docks and shops of the navy yard at Kittery some six years, and was superintendent for a while. After laboring for fifty years in the vicinity of his native place, he went to work in the shops of the Boston & Maine Railroad at Salem, where he is now employed. Though seventy-four years of age, he is still an active and skilful workman. He was originally a member of the Whig party, and is now a Republican. In the legislature of 1865-66 he represented the district with distinction, aiding in passing the Senatorial bill, and serving on the Committee on Asylums. He is a member of Piscataqua Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; of Washington Chapter, No. 5, Royal Arch Masons; of De Witt Clinton Commandery; and Davenport Council, Royal and Select Masters. He was a member of St. John Lodge of Masons, No. 1, and has been a Knight Templar twenty-five years. His first wife, Mary E., daughter of William Pettigrew, of Portsmouth, died in 1867. She was the mother of six children — Charles, William, Jeremiah, Nellie, Mary Elizabeth, and Charles H.

Charles H. Raitt, the only surviving child of his father's first marriage, was educated in the city of Portsmouth. He worked in a blacksmith shop for three years, but was not

content to spend his life at that work. He next drove a hack for three years, after which he was employed by C. E. Boynton, with whom he remained eight years. In 1888 he started in the business of bottling beer. This turned out a profitable venture, and he has continued in it since. His trade has increased to such an extent that he now employs twice as many men as he did at the start, and in summer he has two teams on the road. In 1878 Mr. Raitt married a daughter of J. M. Davis, of Portsmouth, and has now one daughter, who is attending the Portsmouth High School. Like his father, he is a Republican in politics. He is a member of Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Portsmouth.

THOMAS R. WILSON, who is now living in Portsmouth retired from active pursuits, has spent a large portion of his life in the United States naval service. Mr. Wilson was born in Malone, Franklin County, N.Y., December 25, 1834, and when a small lad was left fatherless.

At the age of twelve years he ran away from home, and, entering the merchant service, endeavored to make his way to the scene of the Mexican War, but was returned to his home before he had gone far. In 1847 he began his apprenticeship in the navy, being put on the brig "Porpoise," and sent to the west coast of Africa, where he remained three years. He was then transferred to the "Yorktown," which was lost at sea; and he returned home on the sloop-of-war "John Adams." He subsequently volunteered to go on the United States steamer "Water Witch," which was disabled, the crew being placed on the "Vixen," and sent to Cuba to check the invasion under General Lopez in 1851. Mr. Wilson was next transferred to the "Decatur," on which he sailed until October, 1852, when he returned home, and, being sick with Chagres fever, was granted a leave of absence. The following December his term of apprenticeship expired. He passed a successful examination, receiving a warrant as gunner at the age of nineteen.

In his official capacity Mr. Wilson was ordered to the sloop-of-war "Vandalia," which took part in the Japan expedition under Commodore Perry. He remained abroad three years, returning home in October, 1856, when he was ordered to the receiving-ship "North Carolina," in New York Harbor; and he was afterward stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard nine months. Being then appointed to the "Saranac," he was sent to the Pacific Station, where he was taken sick, and received an invalid's leave of absence. After three months for recuperation, he was ordered to Ellis Island, to take charge of the United States magazine, remaining there until 1860. Mr. Wilson was subsequently ordered to the ship "Brooklyn," on which he sailed to South America, taking an exploring expedition, returning North on the outbreak of the late Civil War. He was first ordered to the relief of Fort Sumter, afterward returning to Norfolk, Va., where he took in two companies, and sailed to re-enforce Fort Pickens. He afterward served on the blockade at New Orleans, being sent in pursuit of the "Sumter." Returning to the North, he received orders to go on board the "State of Georgia" with the north-west blockading squadron, and was with General Burnside at the bombardment of Fort Meakin. He was subsequently transferred to the "Vanderbilt," which pursued the "Alabama," and seized the cargo of the prize of the "Alabama." He was then ordered to the United States ship "Niagara," which followed the "Alabama" and other of the enemy's vessels until the close of the war.

In November, 1865, Mr. Wilson was detached from the ship, and ordered to the Portsmouth navy yard, where he served three years. Returning to sea service, he was on board the "Franklin" three years, being afterward in the navy yard two years. He then went, in 1874, on the "Franklin" to Cuba, where trouble was anticipated, and was on coast duty there a few months, being thence transferred to the "Colorado," and on his return once more stationed at the navy yard in Portsmouth. He stayed here the succeeding three years, with the exception of a three months' furlough. In November, 1877, on the sloop-of-war "Hartford" he sailed to Brazil; and two years later he returned to the Boston navy yard, whence he was ordered to report at Ports-

mouth navy yard, where he remained seven years. In February, 1886, Mr. Wilson was sent to the Newport torpedo station, where he remained six months. In June, 1886, he was placed on the sick list, but reported for duty the first of October, and was sent to the receiving-ship "Wabash," and a year later returned to the Portsmouth navy yard. Here he served until July, 1889, when, in placing the battery on board a ship, he was so injured as to unfit him for further duty. He was detached from the "Portsmouth," and placed on the retired list July 13, 1889, since which time he has resided in this city.

In politics Mr. Wilson has always been a stanch Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He has served as Alderman in the city council, but has declined further office. He belongs to Riverside Lodge, No. 72, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a charter member, and has held all the chairs; is a member of Dirigo Encampment, in which he has held the important offices; also of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; of the Royal Arcanum, Alpha Council, of which he has been Regent; of the Knights of Honor, an organization in which he has held various offices, and is now, as he has been for the past three terms, Dictator. He is likewise a member of the United Order of the Golden Cross; of the Grand Army of the Republic, Storer Post, No. 1, of which he has been Commander and Quartermaster; of the Kearsarge Naval Veterans, of which he was at one time Commander; and of the Provident Relief Association. Religiously, he is an active member of the Methodist church, in which he has been Class Leader and Trustee, and is now a Steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Wilson was married February 12, 1857, to Henrietta M., daughter of Captain John West, of New York. Captain West was engaged in the Cuban trade for many years; and during the war he was in the blockade service, being commander of the barque "J. L. Davis" for a while, but was afterward on the "Princeton" at Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children, two sons and two daughters. Thomas R., Jr., the eldest son, is First Lieutenant of a militia company. The other son, Brandt W., is at school. The daughters are: Charlotte, the wife of Elroy F. Cottle, living in Kittery, Me.; and Thresa R., wife of S. W. Hollis, a resident of Medfield, Mass.

ALBERT LITTLE, one of Atkinson's well-to-do residents, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born upon the farm he now owns and cultivates, February 13, 1835, son of Jesse and Lovisa (Read) Little. Mr. Little's great-grandfather, Thomas Little, first, was one of the early settlers of Atkinson, and the original owner of the family homestead here. Thomas, second, Mr. Little's grandfather, was born at the homestead; and, succeeding to its possession, he cultivated it during the active period of his life. He married Abigail Kent, a native of Newbury, Mass., and had a family of thirteen children, all of whom have passed away.

Jesse Little, the youngest of his parents' children, was born at the homestead in 1791. He was a capable and very energetic farmer, and a lifelong resident of this town. His natural ability brought him into prominence in public affairs, and he served as a Selectman for eight or ten years. In politics he was a Republican. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist, having been a member of that church for about forty years; and he was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his day. He died in 1871. His wife, who was before marriage Lovisa Read, daughter of William Read, of Litchfield, N. H., became the mother of three children — Lydia, William R., and Albert. Lydia is the widow of Thomas L. Page, and has two children: William W., who is now residing at the old homestead; and George A., who married Nellie J. Morse, of Derry, N. H., and has one daughter, Mary Alice. William R., now deceased, married for his first wife Albina Little, of Hampstead. He was a very prominent man in this town, and for two years ably represented his district in the legislature. His only daughter, Albina, who became the wife of John H. Smith, of Haverhill, Mass.; died, leaving one child, Verta A. Mrs. Jesse Little died in 1871.

Albert Little passed his boyhood in attending the district school. His school-days ended, employment was found for him upon the home farm, which has always been his home, and which he eventually inherited. The estate is one of the best pieces of property in Atkinson. On it Mr. Little makes general farming a pronounced success. In politics he is a Republican. He has been active in public affairs, and represented his district in the legislature of 1875–76, where his ability was displayed to good advantage and for the best interests of the community.

HON. CHARLES H. SHERMAN, Jr., a prosperous merchant of Northwood Narrows, N.H., was born in Bath, Me., August 16, 1849, son of Charles H. and Abbie (Reynolds) Sherman. Charles H. Sherman worked as a clerk in a paint and oil store up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was forty years of age. His wife, who is a daughter of Daniel Reynolds, of Bath, subsequently married James C. Watson, of Northwood, and is now living in this town with her husband. She is the mother of three children — one, Charles H. Sherman, Jr., by her first husband, and two, Grace M. and Herbert G. Watson, by her second. Grace M. is the wife of Horace K. Emery.

Charles H. Sherman received his education in the Northwood public schools. He learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked as a journeyman until 1870, when he turned his attention to mercantile business at the Narrows, and has since been thus occupied. As a merchant, he has been very successful, and his well-stocked store is largely patronized. He also attends to the distribution of the mail, the post-office having been established in his store thirty-five years ago.

Mr. Sherman was married in 1872 to Alice G., daughter of Josiah P. Lancaster, of Northwood; and one child has blessed their union, Allison L. A loyal Republican, Mr. Sherman has held the various town offices; and he had a seat in the State legislature in 1894 and 1895. He is Noble Grand of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 83, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of Northwood Grange, No. 209. Though not an office-seeker, he efficiently performs public duties when called upon; and his conduct in all the relations of life has been such as to win the esteem of those who know him.

FRANK B. PERKINS, M.D., a successful physician of Derry Depot, was born in Grafton, this State, April 25, 1856. He is a son of Orrin and Hannah J. (Currier) Perkins, both natives of Merrimack County. Orrin Perkins, who is a farmer, is now living in Derry. His wife died some time since. Frank B. Perkins, M.D., was reared on a farm, receiving his early education in the schools of his native county. Resolving to enter the medical profession, though short of the requisite funds, he obtained the deficiency by teaching school at intervals. After attending for a while Colby Academy, New London, N.H., he began the study of medicine in 1874 with Dr. J. P. Elkins, of Wilmot, N.H. In 1875 he attended a course of lectures at Dartmouth Medical College, and a second course at the same institution in 1876, being graduated at the June examination in 1877. In the following year he began to practise at Grantham, Sullivan County. At the end of the four years he passed in Grantham he took advantage of an opening in Londonderry, and moved to that town. In 1894 he came to Derry Depot, where he has remained since. He has a large and lucrative practice, the reward of his acknowledged skill and conscientious treatment. Dr. Perkins is a member of the New Hampshire State Medical Society, and has served as a member of the council of that body. His marriage with Emma J. Flanders, of Danbury, N.H., has been blessed by one child, a promising boy named Harry M. Dr. Perkins is a member of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., of New London; of Rockingham Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, of Derry Depot; of Passaconaway Tribe, No. 5, of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Manchester, N.H. He is assistant surgeon in the Uniform Rank, First Regiment, New Hampshire Knights of Pythias; medical examiner of Derryfield Lodge, No.

13, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Derry Depot; and assistant surgeon of the First Regiment, N. H. N. G., with the rank of Captain in that body. He is one of the best-known men in the county.

MARCUS MORTON COLLIS, of Portsmouth, Deputy Sheriff of Rockingham County, was born in Ware, Hampshire County, Mass., October 19, 1843, son of Luther and Delina (Converse) Collis. Three brothers, Scotchmen, bearing the surname, are said to have come to America in Colonial times. Jonathan Collis, great-grandfather of Mr. Collis of Portsmouth, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. He married a Miss Fuller, and settled in the town of Western, now Warren, Mass., in the early days, when farming was the universal industry. He met his death while working in the woods, a falling limb fatally injuring him. His son, Jonathan Collis, Jr., was born and reared in Warren. When a young man, he went to New York State, and, selecting a site, made a clearing for a homestead in Herkimer. Returning to his native town, he married, and then took his bride and household goods by team all the way from Warren to Herkimer. They lived but a few years in New York State, eventually returning to Massachusetts, and settling in Brimfield, where Mr. Collis bought a farm, and spent the rest of his life. His wife, a native of Brimfield, Mass., was a Miss Phœbe Parker, daughter of Reuben Parker, who was also a Revolutionary soldier.

Luther Collis, the father of Marcus M., was born in Herkimer, N.Y., in 1811. He received a good education, and when a young man was engaged in teaching school. He was for some time a resident of Ware, Mass.; but the latter part of his life was spent on a farm which he owned in Palmer, Hampden County, where he died in March, 1896, being eighty-five years of age. In politics he was a supporter of Republican principles from the time of his majority, casting his first vote in the ranks of the old Whig party, and with the Republican party from its first organization. He married a daughter of Stephen Converse, a prominent citizen of Tolland, Conn.; and they reared eight children — Luther Whipple, James, Henry, Marcus Morton, the subject of this sketch, Mary, Sarah, Charles, and Martha.

Marcus Morton Collis was born in Ware, Mass., October 19, 1843. He received his early education in the public schools of Palmer. His school-days were interrupted by the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion; for he left his books to shoulder musket and knapsack, enlisting in July, 1861, in Company H, Twenty-first Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The Twenty-first was one of the fighting regiments of the war, participating in many of the severest engagements, its first being Roanoke Island, N.C., February 8, 1862, where, by capturing a rebel battery by storm, it established a reputation for gallantry which was maintained to the end of that long conflict. At Newbern, N.C., March 14, 1862, it was the first body of Union troops to pierce the rebel line. It fought at Camden, N.C., April 19, 1862; Bull Run, second, Va., August 29 and 30, 1862, being in Reno's division of the Ninth Corps, the last troops to leave that ill-fated field; Chantilly, Va., September 1, 1862, when its loss amounted to thirty-five per cent. of the number engaged; South Mountain, Md., September 14, 1862; at Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862, where the brigade of which it was a part charged and carried the stone bridge on Union left, which was one of the keys of the rebel position; Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, after which it went West, where in 1863, after fighting guerillas in Kentucky, it took an active part in Burnside's severe campaign in East Tennessee, being engaged at Blue Springs, Loudon Bridge, Campbell's Station, siege of Knoxville, and Bull's Gap.

December 25, 1863, at the close of the campaign, while in bivouac at Blaine's Cross Roads, barefoot, ragged, and receiving for daily rations one ear of corn per man, it reenlisted almost to a man for three years more or during the war, returning to the Eastern army in the spring of 1864, and participating in all the movements and severe fighting of Grant's victorious campaign from the wilder-

ness to Appomattox, a remnant of sixty-two men being present at Lee's surrender in 1865.

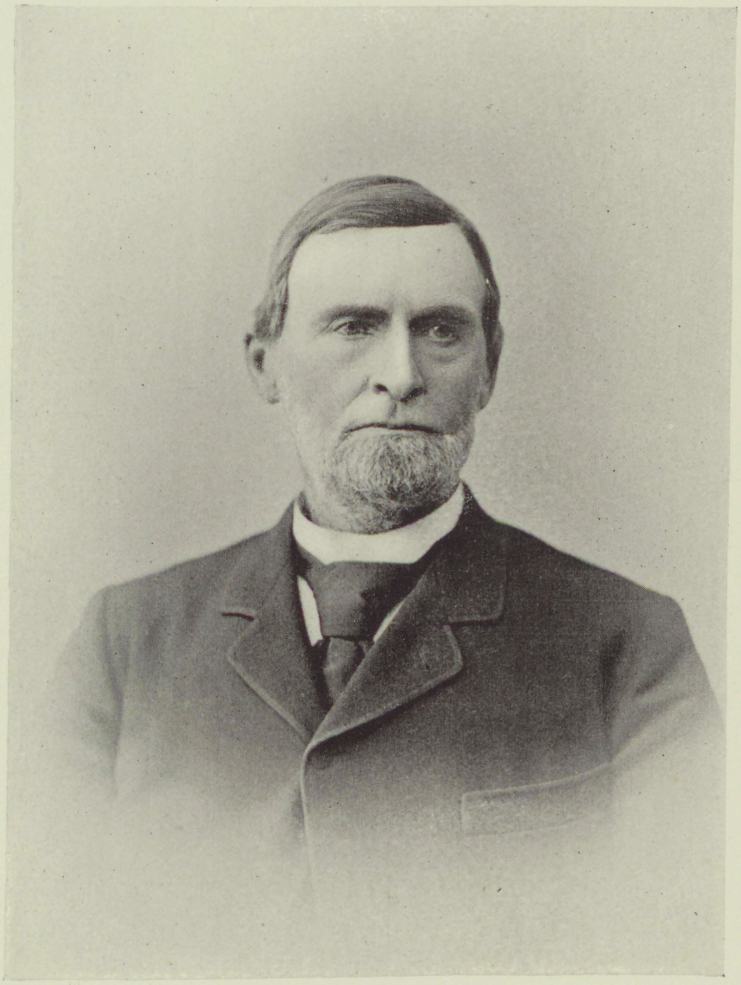
Mr. Collis was a part of all this, being with his command continuously until the opening of Grant's 1864 campaign, when he started on a more direct line toward the heart of the Confederacy, as a prisoner of war, being taken by the rebels while reconnoitring their position at the Wilderness, Va., May 6, 1864. Was confined at Danville, Va., for a few days, then at Andersonville, Ga., till late in the fall of 1864, then transferred to Florence, S.C. There were twelve of his regiment at one time in the latter place, and their indignation was aroused and their patriotism rebelled at the acts of the prison officials in bribing Union soldiers to take the oath of allegiance to the Confederate government. The twelve counselled together, and agreed that, if either one of them should take the oath, the others should kill him before he left the stockade. Mr. Collis was later transferred to Wilmington, N.C., next to Goldsboro, and back again to Wilmington, where he was paroled on February 26, 1865, later exchanged, and rejoined his command on May 4 following at Alexandria, Va. His regiment had been so decimated that there was then but a small remnant. This was consolidated into a battalion of three companies, and attached to the Thirty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment. Mr. Collis was subsequently transferred to Company F, Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

Receiving his final discharge in July, 1865, he returned to Palmer, and learned the trade of a carpenter and millwright. In 1869 he went to Boston, where he remained until 1873. In February of that year he engaged in the fancy-goods business in Marblehead, Mass.; and a year later he established a business of the same kind in Portsmouth, N.H. This venture proved successful, and he was engaged in trade until 1895. In April of that year he was appointed Deputy Sheriff, and has since given his attention to the duties of his office, selling out his business October 1, 1895.

He was married in 1870 to Josephine B. Griswold, a native of Granby, Conn., daughter of George Griswold, and a lineal descendant, through his son George, of the Colonial Governor Griswold, of Connecticut. Mrs. Collis died in 1884, leaving two children — Grace and George L. Grace is the wife of Clifton S. Humphreys, of Madison, Me.

A stanch Republican in politics, Mr. Collis cast his first vote for Lincoln in 1864, under peculiar circumstances. He was at that time in a rebel prison; and an officer of the guard, informing the prisoners that it was election day in the North, and that there were two candidates and two propositions, McClellan and peace or Lincoln and war, gave them an opportunity to vote. In the afternoon two sacks of beans and a box were brought in; and it was explained that the ballot for McClellan was a white bean, while the Lincoln vote was black. Mr. Collis cast a black bean; and, when the vote was counted, it was found to be overwhelmingly for Lincoln. A member of Storer Post, No. 1, Department of New Hampshire, Grand Army of the Republic, Mr. Collis has filled various offices. He was commander of the Post three years, and was Commander of the department of New Hampshire in 1885. He is a member of Thomas Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Palmer, Mass.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; Davenport Council, No. 5; and Piscataqua Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of Portsmouth. Prominent as a Grand Army man, a business man, and a public official, he is widely known and highly esteemed, both in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

GILMAN CORNING, of whom a portrait is herewith presented, is a retired shoe manufacturer residing at Salem Depot. He was born in Londonderry, this county, November 2, 1815, son of John and Lydia (Richardson) Corning, respectively natives of Londonderry and Methuen, Mass. His parents spent their last years in Salem. Of their children two sons and a daughter are living; namely, Gilman, Mary E., and Thomas J. Mary E. is the widow of the late Orlando H. Woodbury, of Salem, N.H. John



GILMAN CORNING.

Corning, paternal grandfather of Gilman, was a pioneer settler of Londonderry; and his maternal grandfather, William Richardson, of Methuen, Mass., was a minute man in the Revolution, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill.

When about thirteen years old, Gilman Corning came with his parents from Londonderry to Salem. In the district schools of Londonderry and Salem he acquired the fundaments of an education. In 1836, having attained his majority, he went to Haverhill, Mass., where he secured a position in a shoe shop. Returning to Salem the following year, he remained until 1842, when he again went to Haverhill, and worked at the shoe business until 1844. At this time he began the manufacture of shoes on his own account, and successfully followed it thereafter in Haverhill and vicinity for the ensuing forty years. On retiring from active business, he took up his residence in Salem Depot, where his sister, Mrs. Woodbury, now resides with him. Since then he has exerted a strong influence for good in this community. It was largely through his endeavors that Pine Grove Cemetery has been beautified, and is kept in its present fine condition, so that it is now one of the prettiest burial-places in the county. The free public library also finds in him one of its most liberal supporters.

Mr. Corning was married, December 28, 1838, to Miss Lucinda D. Dow, of Windham, N.H., daughter of Abel and Betsy Dow. His only child, a son, Albion J., now resides in Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Corning died in 1883, deeply mourned by husband and son, and cherished in the memory of her many friends and acquaintances, all of whom had felt the sweet influence of her love and kindliness. She was a member of the Baptist church of Haverhill. Mr. Corning represented Haverhill in the Massachusetts legislature for two terms, and represented Salem in the New Hampshire legislature for one term. He has also been a member of the Salem School Board. In political affiliation he is a Republican. Although not a church communicant, he is a regular attendant of the Salem Depot Baptist church, and one of its most liberal supporters.

JOHN W. GARLAND, one of Hampstead's prominent residents, and formerly a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, February 15, 1828, son of Benjamin B. and Mary (Calef) Garland.

Mr. Garland's grandfather, Benjamin Garland, was born in Barrington, N.H., January 11, 1767. His early years were spent upon a farm in his native town. Later he moved to Hampstead, where he bought fifty acres of land. This farm he cultivated with energy and success until his death, which took place November 18, 1835, when he was sixty-eight years old. For many years he was a Justice of the Peace. He was one of the active and progressive men of his day, bearing a high reputation for honesty and fair dealings; and he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. In politics he was a Whig. He married Mary Balch, who was born June 11, 1770. They had a large family of children, six of whom lived to reach maturity; and of these, Benjamin B., Mr. Garland's father, was one. Mr. Garland's grandmother, Mrs. Mary B. Garland, lived to be eighty-five years old, and died August 1, 1855. His grandparents were members of the Congregational church.

Benjamin B. Garland was born in Barrington, N.H., February 7, 1793. When a young man, he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed in Hampstead for several years; and he later engaged in the manufacturing of shoe boxes, an industry that proved quite profitable. He labored energetically until the approach of old age compelled him to retire, and he spent the rest of his days upon his farm. He died August 8, 1872, aged seventy-nine years. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its formation; and, although not an aspirant for public office, he exercised much influence in town affairs. His wife, Mary Calef, whom he married March 18, 1819, was a daughter of William Calef, of Hampstead. She became the mother of two children, as follows: Mary A., who was born August 28, 1820, and is now the widow of Frederick A. Pike, late of this town; and John W., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Garland's mother died March

22, 1879, aged eighty-two years. His parents were members of the Congregational church.

John W. Garland attended the district school of his neighborhood, and when a young man he learned the shoemaker's trade, which has been his occupation up to the present day. He owns a good farm, consisting of forty acres, which he carries on with prosperous results; and he is one of the most able and practical general farmers in this locality. As an active supporter of the Republican party, he has long been prominent in public affairs, having served as Town Treasurer, and during his several years' service as a member of the Board of Selectmen he was Chairman of that body for a greater part of the time. He has also attended to the duties of a Justice of the Peace for many years.

On December 25, 1855, Mr. Garland was married to Emily A. Ring, daughter of Amos and Lydia C. (Jones) Ring, of Hampstead. Of the two children born of this union the only survivor is Charles W., the date of whose birth was July 13, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Garland are members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Garland is one of the most active and liberal supporters; and he has been a Deacon for the past four years. Mr. Garland is also one of the Trustees of the Emerson High School.

Charles W. Garland began his education in the common schools; and, after completing his course of study at the Emerson High School and Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., he went to Haverhill, Mass., where he was for some time employed as bookkeeper. Failing health at length caused him to seek outdoor occupation, and he has since been engaged in general farming in Hampstead. He makes a specialty of raising Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, and other fancy breeds of fowl, having a well-equipped hennery; and he ships large numbers to different parts of the United States and England.

Politically, he is a Republican, and has served as a Selectman for five years, having been a member of the board for four years in succession; and he was its Chairman for three years. He is a business man of recognized ability, and has served as a Justice of the Peace and a Notary Public for the past twelve years.

Mr. Garland enjoys cordial social and fraternal relations, being connected with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Patrons of Husbandry; and both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Charles W. Garland and Ada Emerson, daughter of Alfred P. Emerson, of Hampstead, were united in marriage on April 21, 1885, and are the parents of three children, namely: Leona C., who was born April 22, 1886; Mildred R., who was born August 5, 1887; and John A., who was born August 6, 1889.

DAN T. SANBORN, an enterprising carpenter and builder of Danville, was born in Chester, this county, January 12, 1850, son of Simeon M. and Belinda (West) Sanborn. Daniel Sanborn, great-grandfather of Dan T. Sanborn, came from Kensington, this county, to Danville, when the place was a part of the wilderness. Here he cleared a farm, and reared his family. His son, Sherburn, the grandfather, was born on the parental homestead, January 10, 1756. Sherburn was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. He married Mary Hoyt, a native of Chester, who became the mother of five children.

Simeon M. Sanborn, the third of his parents' children, was born in Bristol, N.H., December 15, 1796. He was a child when his parents moved to Poplin, N.H., now Fremont. After remaining with them until he reached his majority, he went to Chester, there purchased a farm, and was thereafter occupied in its cultivation until his demise, February 10, 1873. He was thrice married, on the first occasion to Roxina Mills, who bore him eleven children. Of these but two are living — John C. and Sylvester. About 1838 he took for his second wife Belinda West, daughter of Edward and Hannah West, natives of New Hampshire. By this union there were nine children, of whom five are now living. These are: Harriet S., who married John S. Kelley, of Sandown, this county; Mark, who married a Miss

Marden, of Chester; Laura J., who married John C. Haynes, of Sandown; Maria E., who married Samuel S. West, of Raymond, N.H.; and Dan T., the subject of this sketch.

Dan T. Sanborn received his education in the public schools of Chester. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age. Then, going to Fremont, he there learned the trade of carpenter and builder. He subsequently came to Danville, where he has since done a thriving business in that line, and is earning the reputation of a first-class mechanic.

On January 1, 1876, he married Abbie C. Elkins, daughter of Abel and Clarissa R. Elkins, of Danville. He has had four children — Eva C., Herman E., Lillian Louise, and Clifton. The two last named are deceased. Eva C. Sanborn graduated from Sanborn Seminary, of Kingston, N.H., June 18, in the class of 1896. Mr. Sanborn is a stanch Republican, and served the town as Selectman in 1894 and 1895. His religious belief is that of the Universalist church. The family attend the Free Will Baptist church of North Danville.

DANIEL P. PENDEXTER, a carpenter and builder of Portsmouth, was born November 26, 1836, in the town of Cornish, Me., which was also the birthplace of his father and grandfather. His paternal grandfather, Henry Pendexter, spent his entire life in Cornish, where he was numbered among the successful farmers. He and his wife, Polly, were well known as worthy people and good neighbors. Their son, Henry, father of Daniel P., married Clarissa Hammonds, a daughter of Captain Edmund Hammonds, who commanded a company in the Revolutionary War. Captain Hammonds was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Cornish during his active period, and was Town Clerk and Town Treasurer for several terms. He removed to Glenburn, Me., in 1848, and there resided until his death at a ripe old age. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Hill, nine children were born, of whom Mrs. Henry Pendexter, Jr., was the fifth. Mrs. Betsey (Hill) Hammonds lived to be ninety-six years old. Her daughter, Clarissa (Mrs. Henry Pendexter, Jr.), died June 15, 1896, at the age of eighty-nine years, eleven months.

Daniel P. Pendexter was but two years old when his parents removed from Cornish to Glenburn, where he was bred and educated. He was engaged in lumbering from the age of sixteen to twenty-four. In 1863 he came to Portsmouth, and was employed driving a team for Frank Jones for five years. He took up the trades of carpenter and joiner in 1868, at first for Mr. Jones and later for Moses Yeaton. In 1884 he formed a partnership with Solomon Littlefield, with whom for a time he carried on business under the firm name of Pendexter & Littlefield. After the withdrawal of Mr. Littlefield Mr. Pendexter continued in business alone for four years. Then, receiving Herbert Marden into partnership, Pendexter & Marden carried it on for the next three years. At the end of that period Mr. Pendexter became sole proprietor, and has since conducted the business without assistance. Under his supervision many handsome residences in this city and in neighboring towns have been built. Notable among them are the houses of both members of the firm, Maddock & Moore; the summer residence, at Kittery, of O. B. Libbey, of New York; the dwelling of Thomas Emery at York, Me.; a house belonging to Herbert Marden and a fine residence on West Street, this city.

In politics Mr. Pendexter was formerly a Democrat, but now he votes independently of either party. He served as a member of the Common Council two years, and as one of the Ward Committee representing Ward 2 for two years. His connection with fraternal organizations includes membership in Independent Order of Odd Fellows, New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, of which he is now Permanent Secretary; in Rebecca Lodge, being Chairman of the Trustees; in Canton Senter, No. 12; in Strawberry Bank Encampment, all the chairs of which he has filled; and in Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 137, A. F. & A. M., of Kenduskeag, Me. He has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows several times. He attends religious worship in St. John's Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a mem-

ber. In 1871, February 22, Mr. Pendexter was united in matrimony with Emma, daughter of Thomas and Mary Cottle, of Eliot, Me. They have a son and a daughter. The son, Charley, is learning the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction; and the daughter, Dora, is the wife of John Sugden, of this city.

OLIVER A. FLEMING, for the past twelve years successfully engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Exeter, is a native of Hampton Falls, this State, born in 1843, son of David and Eunice (Williams) Fleming. David Fleming, who was born in Scotland, at the age of twelve years came to America with his elder brothers. They scattered and made homes for themselves in different parts of the United States. He came to Hampton Falls, where the greater part of his life was spent. For many years he had charge of the stables there, also of the stage route from that place. After that he worked for Judge Wingate, of Stratham, Lewis County, twelve years. His last place of employment was the grist-mill at Exeter. Here, one day in 1845, while oiling the machinery, he was drawn into the wheels by his clothing, and so seriously injured that he died. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Eunice, who was born in Hampton Falls, lived until 1882.

Oliver A. Fleming received a fair common-school education. As by his father's death the family were left in only moderate circumstances, he began to maintain himself at an early age. He learned harness-making, which he profitably carried on afterward in Exeter for many years. In 1884 he purchased the furniture and undertaking business, which he has since conducted with much success. In 1866 Mr. Fleming was joined in marriage with Miss Annie W. Robinson, a native of Exeter, and a daughter of Charles Robinson.

Mr. Fleming's standing in the business and social circles of Exeter is unquestioned. His public spirit is well known, and he is held in high esteem by his many friends and acquaintances. In political contests he supports the Republican candidates, but is not an active politician, preferring to devote his time to his business. He is a Mason of high rank, being a member of Star in the East Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M.; St. Alban Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Olivet Council and De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars, of Portsmouth. He has also membership in Sagamore Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the Royal Arcanum, and in the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming are members of the Unitarian church.

GEORGE H. CLARK, a rising young merchant of West Windham and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Windham, September 2, 1869, son of Henry and Eva L. (Simpson) Clark. Nathaniel Clark, Mr. Clark's grandfather, was an early settler. He was a prosperous farmer, and figured conspicuously in public affairs as a Selectman. Henry Clark is a native of this town, where he is still successfully engaged in farming. He is regarded as one of the most prosperous agriculturists here. His wife, a native of West Rumney, N.H., whose maiden name was Eva L. Simpson, is the mother of four children — George H., Josie B., Rose J., and Angie E.

George H. Clark acquired the elementary branches of his education in the public schools of this town, and finished his studies with a two years' course at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, N.H. He was for some time engaged in assisting his father upon the farm; but, having a natural inclination for mercantile pursuits, he in 1895 established himself in business at West Windham. His store is stocked with a full line of groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, dry goods, seeds of all kinds, and other agricultural supplies. He also deals in pumps and other water-supplying devices, being agent for the Gem Windmill. Winning confidence by his upright methods of doing business, he has already built up a large and growing trade.

In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party. Recognizing his ability and popularity, the party elected him to the Board of Selectmen in 1895-96. He is a general society favorite here, being a prime

mover in all important social events. All measures designed for the general improvement of the town or the development of its resources receive his substantial aid. He is connected with Echo Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Derry, N.H., and is active in the Patrons of Husbandry, having served as Steward of Windham Grange, No. 182, since it was organized in 1892.

JOHN LEDDY, a prominent merchant of Epping, was born in Oldcastle, Ireland, in 1840. His parents, Thomas and Ann (Smith) Leddy, who were also natives of Ireland, emigrated to America in 1848. After staying fifteen months in Boston, they came to Epping, where Mr. Leddy bought land, and subsequently became prominent among the farmers of the district. They had five children; namely, John, Ann, Charles, Thomas, and James. Like John, Ann and Charles were born in Ireland. Ann married Charles E. Rogers, who died for the Union in the Civil War. Thomas, born in this country in 1849, is a merchant of Newfields, N.H., where he is also a Selectman and the Postmaster. James, who was born here in 1852, died in 1868. The father died in 1887, having survived his wife three years.

John Leddy had very few educational advantages, most of his instruction being received at home. At the age of twelve years he learned the shoemaking trade, and followed it until 1864, when he entered Mr. Pike's store in this village as clerk. Eight years afterward, having acquired a good knowledge of business, he established a general merchandise store, which he has prosperously conducted since. He is now one of the most prominent business men of the county. Associated with him in business is his brother Charles. His brother Thomas was formerly a partner.

In 1885 Mr. Leddy erected the Leddy Block, the finest business structure in Epping. It was designed by Frederick C. Lyford, of Suncook, Merrimack County, and is built of brick and iron with granite trimmings, being thirty-six by seventy-two feet. In the first story the frontage is of brick and iron, having three large show windows of heavy plate glass. Built into the structure of the second floor, on a large tablet of copper faced with gold-leaf, is the sign "John Leddy & Co." The four windows of the second story are arranged in pairs, with massive granite sills and arched tops. Between the windows is a granite tablet bearing the significant letters "I. O. O. F." and the symbolic links of Odd Fellowship in copper faced with gold-leaf. The roof parapet has a railing of ornamental iron-work, and directly below the inscription "1840. Leddy. 1895," commemorating both the date of Mr. Leddy's birth and of erection of the building that had previously occupied the site, as well as the erection of the present structure. A central partition extending for nearly the full depth of the building, unbroken save by one archway, divides the first story into two compartments. The shoe department is on the right, and that of the groceries, flour, and grain is on the left, the archway affording ready communication between them. They are united at the rear. The floors are of hard pine, walls and ceilings are sheathed in North Carolina pine, and the counters and shelvings are of whitewood. The fixtures are up to date, the interior as well as the exterior being very pleasing to the eye. Another admirable feature is the system of lighting. There are nine two-light nickel chandeliers, whose lamps are automatically supplied with kerosene from one distributing tank. The illuminant is kept at the original level throughout the system as long as the lamps are in use, hand-filling being unnecessary; while the chandeliers, poised by weights, can with ease be pulled down for lighting. The building is heated by steam, and is virtually fireproof. A stairway and freight elevator communicate with the basement. The lower story and basement are occupied by the proprietors, and the entire second story by Geneva Lodge, No. 80, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The firm has an enviable reputation and a very extensive trade. The brothers also manufacture and sell one and a half million bricks a year, and are engaged to quite an extent in the real estate business.

Mr. Leddy has been twice married. The first occasion was in 1877, when he was united with Nora C. Leonard, of this town, who died in 1880. His second marriage was contracted

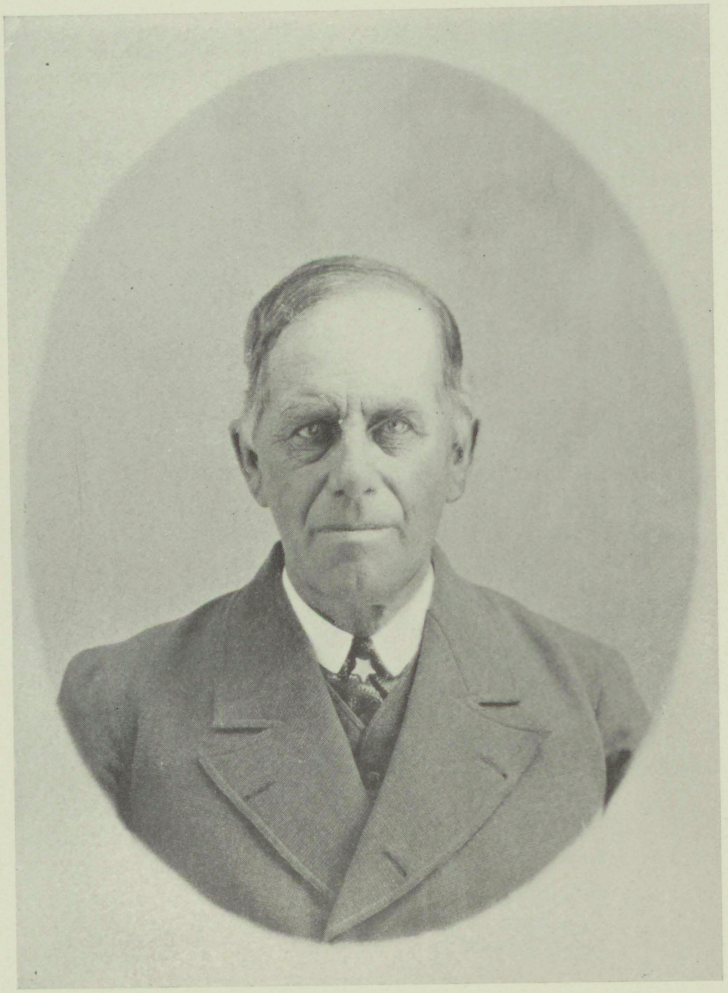
with Annie (Hanley) Norton, who had five children by a former marriage, namely: Lulu Norton, the wife of Dr. Adolph Franz, of South Hadley Falls, Mass.; James D.; Mary Gertrude; Grace E.; and Agnes Maria. In politics Mr. Leddy is a Democrat. He has served as Town Clerk, Supervisor, and Selectman, and has twice represented the district in the State legislature. He was Selectman for four years. He and Mrs. Leddy are devout members of the Catholic church. Mr. Leddy is a public-spirited man, has the esteem of the community, and stands well in the town both socially and financially.

ISAIAH W. HASELTINE, a representative farmer of Windham, and a descendant of one of the first settlers of the place, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, September 26, 1819, son of Captain Phineas and Clarissa (Wilson) Haseltine. The family is of English ancestry. Mr. Haseltine's grandparents, Philip and Patience Haseltine, were both natives of Massachusetts. Philip Haseltine was an early settler in Windham. He cleared and improved the farm which is now the property of his grandson, and he served as an officer in the War of 1812. Captain Phineas Haseltine, Mr. Haseltine's father, was born in Windham. Succeeding to the homestead, he was thereafter occupied in its management until his death, which occurred in 1823. He held the commission of Captain in the State militia, and was one of the stirring and industrious men of his day. He married Clarissa Wilson, who was a native of Hudson, N.H.; and the only surviving child of this union is Isaiah W., the subject of this sketch.

Isaiah W. Haseltine passed his youth in assisting upon the homestead farm and in attending the district school. Being but four years old at the time of his father's death, he was necessarily forced to begin the labors of life at an early age. On reaching his majority and succeeding to the ownership of the property, he was well prepared to carry on general farming. The old Haseltine homestead, where he has always resided, consists of seventy-five acres of excellent tillage land, capable of producing abundant crops of a superior quality. By making the most of the opportunities afforded him in his farming, he obtains good financial returns. The homestead has been in the possession of the family for one hundred and twenty years.

On June 12, 1845, Mr. Haseltine wedded Jane S. Hall. She was born in Windham, May 2, 1821, daughter of John and Lilly (Morrow) Hall. Both her parents were natives of this town, as was her grandfather, Ebenezer Hall. Her great-grandfather was the first of the Hall family to settle here. Mrs. Haseltine's maternal grandfather, Alexander Morrow, served as a soldier in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. John and Lilly (Morrow) Hall, industrious farming people, were highly respected in Windham. Of their children three others are living; namely, Mrs. Nancy Twiss, Mrs. Eliza S. Worledge, and John M. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Haseltine have five children; namely, Phineas W., George J., Clara J., Eliza M., and Lilly A. Mr. Haseltine, who served his townsmen well and faithfully for four years as a member of the Board of Selectmen, has long enjoyed the esteem and confidence of the general community. Both he and his wife are passing their declining years quietly at the homestead. They celebrated their golden wedding on June 12, 1895, when their numerous friends and acquaintances extended their congratulations, and joined heartily in wishing them long-continued happiness.

HON. SHERMAN T. NEWTON, of Portsmouth, was born September 5, 1864, on the Isles of Shoals. At the age of eight years he came with his parents, Elvin and Mary Jane Newton, to this city, and here completed his education in the high school. When but sixteen years old, he became a copartner with his father in the wholesale fish business, which, under the firm name of E. Newton & Co., they have since carried on with signal success. In the first few years after becoming established in business the junior partner spent much of his time at sea, making long fishing voyages. This part of the work is now relegated to others, more im-



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portant matters on shore demanding his entire time. The firm employ twenty-eight fishing vessels, besides numerous dories and small boats. Their annual catch includes fish of all kinds, which they prepare for market.

Mr. Newton is a stanch and untiring advocate of the principles of the Republican party, of which he is an influential member. Although residing in Ward 4, which usually gives a Democratic majority of one hundred and thirty votes, he was elected Representative to the State legislature for two consecutive terms, being the first Republican so honored by the ward in thirty years. He was urgently requested to accept a nomination for re-election in 1895, but declined. While in the legislature, Mr. Newton served on the Collection Committee. It was chiefly through his persistent efforts there that the Police Commission of Portsmouth was secured. He also rendered valuable assistance in redistricting the city. He has been active in local affairs, serving at various times on ward and city committees, his sound judgment and business capacity making him an able adviser.

On May 3, 1890, Mr. Newton was united in marriage with Hattie F. Preble, eldest daughter of Charles Preble, of York, Me., and has a son and a daughter. Mr. Newton is a popular member of several fraternal orders. These include Portsmouth Lodge, No. 97, B. & P. O. Elks; Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; St. John Lodge, No. 1, of Masons; and Constitution Lodge of Foresters. He is also a charter member of the Portsmouth Athletic Club.

HENRY C. TUCK, an esteemed resident of Kensington, N.H., a lineal descendant of Robert Tuck, one of the earliest settlers of Hampton, Rockingham County, was born August 3, 1833, at the Tuck homestead, where he now resides. His parents were Jonathan, Jr., and Sarah (Philbrick) Tuck.

Jonathan Tuck, Sr., Mr. Tuck's grandfather, was a native and lifelong resident of Kensington. For many years he was identified with the farming interests of this town; and he also operated a tannery, being one of the most active and successful men of his day. He lived to be seventy-seven years old, and was a prominent man in the community, possessing the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen. He acted with the Whig party in politics. He married Dorothy Webster, of East Kingston, N.H.; and six children were born of this union. The only survivor is Mary Ann, who resides in Exeter. Her mother, Mr. Tuck's grandmother, died in 1847. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Jonathan Tuck, Jr., son of Jonathan, Sr., and Dorothy W. Tuck, was born at the homestead in Kensington, August 13, 1799. He became interested with his father in the tannery at an early age, having begun his business career immediately after finishing his studies in the schools of this town; and, taking entire charge of the enterprise after his father's death, he carried it on successfully for thirty years. He then retired to the home farm of one hundred and fifty acres, where he devoted the rest of his life to tilling the soil. The present residence was erected by him with brick made upon the farm. He died at the age of seventy-seven years. An intelligent, progressive, and exceedingly prosperous citizen, he exercised much influence in all matters relative to the welfare of the community. Politically, he supported the Republican party in his latter years. His wife, Sarah Philbrick, whom he married March 17, 1829, was a native of Tamworth, N.H., and a daughter of Stephen G. Philbrick, of that town. She became the mother of two children, namely: Henry C., the subject of this sketch; and Charles E., who was born June 15, 1835.

Charles E. Tuck married Sarah J. Eaton, daughter of Moses Eaton, of South Hampton, and has three children — Lizzie E., Frank L., and Annie. Frank L. Tuck married Gertrude Wood, and has one son, Arthur. Annie Tuck is the wife of Frank Tuttle, of Stratham. Mr. Tuck's mother, Mrs. Sarah P. Tuck, lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-two years. She was an earnest member of the Congregational church.

Henry C. Tuck has always resided at the family homestead in Kensington. In his boyhood he acquired a good practical education. Tilling the soil has been his principal occupa-

tion since he began the work of life; and as a general farmer he is industrious, progressive, and successful.

On April 10, 1886, Mr. Tuck was married to Mrs. Mary E. Philbrick, born Knox, daughter of Edward Knox, of Tamworth. She is one of a family of fourteen children, of whom four sons and two daughters survive. Her father, who still resides at his home in Tamworth, is now seventy-six years old. By her previous marriage with Samuel Philbrick Mrs. Tuck has one son, named Frank. Frank Philbrick and Annie M. Brown, eldest daughter of David Brown, of Kensington, were married on November 19, 1892. They have two children; namely, Harry T. and Horace B.

Mr. Tuck is a Republican in politics. He has served as Town Clerk of Kensington for two terms, and he represented the town in the legislature during the years 1867 and 1870. He is a member of Hoosac Division, Sons of Temperance, of Kensington, of which he has been Secretary for ten years, besides holding other offices in the society; and he is likewise connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. In every way a worthy and useful citizen, he is regarded by his fellow-townsmen as a man of perfect integrity. Mrs. Tuck is a member of the Congregational church.

HON. DARIUS FRINK was born in Newington, N.H., June 3, 1810, on the old homestead by the Bay, whereon his mother also was born. His father, Cyrus Frink, came from Stonington, Conn., when a young man, to assist in building the Piscataqua Bridge. He married Abigail Nutter, daughter of Deacon John and Anna (Symes) Nutter, her father being a native of Newington, and her mother of Portsmouth. There were nine children born to them, six sons and three daughters; namely, Cyrus, Abigail, Simes, Isaac, Margarett Ann, John N., Darius, Elias, and Hannah.

Darius was the fifth son, and was educated at the town school and at the Greenland, Hampton, and Pittsfield Academies, where he prepared himself for the profession of teaching. He was very successful as a teacher, and taught many schools. For many years he was appointed to serve upon the Board of Education. He entered the militia, and with his three brothers became of prominent rank in the division here located. Isaac was Colonel; Simes, Captain; Darius, Major; and Elias, Adjutant. He was commissioned Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and Justice throughout the State, for more than fifty years settling estates and transacting important judicial business. In 1859 he was appointed County Commissioner for the term of three years, serving with zeal for the best interests for the people. In 1865 and 1866 he occupied a seat in the State Senate from District No. 1, satisfying his constituents with his fidelity and ability. He was one of a number of citizens who formed themselves into a society for the maintenance of the gospel in Newington, and also one of ten persons who added one hundred dollars each to a legacy of Miss Lydia Rollins to construct a parsonage.

He married Mary E. Coleman, daughter of Captain James Coleman, of Newington, who was son of Phinehas and great-grandson of Eleazer Coleman. His health failed a year before his death, which occurred January 4, 1893. He was buried from his late residence, the Rev. Messrs. Dr. Robie, of Greenland, and Henry P. Page, of Newington, officiating. Being a Royal Arch Mason of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., his obsequies were conducted with Masonic rites.

EDWIN O. DINSMORE, a descendant in the sixth generation of the original owner of the farm he now occupies, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born at the Dinsmore homestead in Windham, son of Theodore and Eliza (Morrison) Dinsmore. James Dinsmore, Mr. Dinsmore's grandfather, was the fourth representative of the family to occupy the homestead. He was one of the enterprising agriculturists of his time.

Theodore Dinsmore, who was born about the close of the last century, having inherited the home farm in his turn, cultivated it with energy during his active period. He was closely identified with local public affairs for many years, serving as a Selectman and legis-

lative Representative. His death, which occurred in August, 1870, was deeply regretted by his numerous friends and acquaintances, and the public generally. In his religious belief he was a Presbyterian, having been one of the elders of that church in Windham Centre; and in politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. His wife, a native of Windham, who was before marriage Eliza Morrison, became the mother of four children, namely: Samuel M., of Yonkers, N.Y.; Edwin O., the subject of this sketch; Martha, now deceased; and Aurelia. The mother, who lived to be over eighty years old, died in 1887.

Edwin O. Dinsmore obtained his education in the common schools and at the academies of Atkinson and East Andover, N.H. He grew to manhood on the homestead, where he has always resided. Having succeeded to the ancestral estate, he has since managed the property with good financial results. For several winters past he has conducted lumbering operations; but, although his efforts in that direction were generally successful, he finds farming to be the more profitable and agreeable occupation.

Politically, Mr. Dinsmore is a Republican. A leading spirit in political affairs, he exercises a considerable influence in the party organization here. He served with marked ability as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives for one term. He is highly respected both in business and social circles, and is an active member of the Patrons of Husbandry.

WARREN PARSONS,, M.D., a native-born practitioner in the town of Rye, and the only one here for about fifty years, is living in the house where he was born on May 28, 1818. He may truly be said to be a physician by birth, breeding, and practice, both his father, John Wilkes Parsons, and his grandfather, Joseph Parsons, having belonged to the medical profession.

Dr. Parsons is of English ancestry, the lineal descendant of Cornet Joseph Parsons, who emigrated from England to America with his father in 1635, and located first at Springfield, Mass., and on July 15, 1636, was a witness to the deed by which the thirteen Indians conveyed the land to the newly settled colony. Cornet Parsons in 1655 moved further north, and became one of the pioneer settlers, and a principal founder of the town of North Hampton, Mass. After living there nearly twenty-five years, in 1679 he returned to Springfield, where he died in 1683. Joseph Parsons, son of Cornet Joseph and Mary (Bliss) Parsons, married Elizabeth Strong, daughter of Elder John Strong, of North Hampton. Their eldest son, the Rev. Joseph Parsons, a graduate of Harvard College in 1697, married Elizabeth Thompson, and settled first at Lebanon, Conn., and later at Salisbury, Mass.

The Rev. Samuel Parsons, son of the Rev. Joseph Parsons, was born in 1707, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1730. He was ordained and settled as pastor of the church at Rye in 1736, being the first of the family to locate in this vicinity; and he was also the first settled minister in the town. He was very successful in his labors, holding his pastorate here for more than fifty years. The Rev. Samuel Parsons married Mary Jones, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Adams) Jones, of Boston. Mrs. Jones, the mother of Mrs. Parsons, was a daughter of Captain John Adams, who was a brother of Joseph Adams, the grandfather of President John Adams. Captain Adams, it is thus seen, was a great-uncle of the elder President Adams. He was also the grandfather of the no less distinguished patriot, Samuel Adams.

Dr. Joseph Parsons, a native of Rye, and a son of the Rev. Samuel and Mary (Jones) Parsons, was a Captain in the Revolutionary army, under General Washington. He practised medicine in his native town for many years, and died on the homestead now owned by his grandson, Dr. Warren Parsons.

Dr. John Wilkes Parsons was born, lived, and died on the old homestead in Rye. He was known far and wide as a skilful physician. His wife, Abigail Garland, was the daughter of John Garland, of Rye. She was the mother of nine children, among whom were: Dr. Warren Parsons; Charles G. Parsons, M.D., a practising physician of Mississippi; T. J. Parsons, of Rye, who was known

throughout the country as Squire Parsons; Emily, who married Joseph Brown, of Rye; William H., who married Anna Decatur, a niece of Commodore Decatur, was a sea captain, and died in Germany; John, another son, who married Susan Decatur, was an officer in the Seminole War, serving as Major of a company; and Miss Abby S. Parsons, who is living with her brother Warren on the old homestead. The house which they occupy was built by the Rev. Samuel Parsons, and is still in excellent repair, its substantial and well-seasoned timbers having withstood the winds and weather for more than one hundred and thirty years. Six generations of the Parsons family have made their home within its walls, which are dear to the heart of each living member.

Dr. Warren Parsons was liberally educated in his youth, attending successively the district schools of his native town, the Hampton Academy, the Latin and English School at Andover, Mass. In 1840 he received an appointment as Disbursing Clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington, having been recommended to the position by the Hon. Daniel Webster. He was graduated from the Columbian Medical College at Washington, D.C., in 1842. On his return to his native State Dr. Parsons began the practice of his profession in Rye, Portsmouth, and the Isles of Shoals, and for years had a very large patronage.

In politics Dr. Parsons has always been identified with the Republican party. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1840 for William H. Harrison. For some years he was Surgeon of the First Regiment of New Hampshire, and he has also served as Notary Public. He has a retentive memory, and his mind is stored with rich and pleasing reminiscences of the olden times.

Dr. Warren Parsons has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Sarah A. Dow, of Rye. She died in 1850, leaving one son, Warren J., who died in Florida in 1895. By his second wife, formerly Miss Julia A. Gove, of Raymond, N.H., he has reared three children — Frederick D., Ella Maria, and Anna Decatur. Frederick D. married Abby P. Brown, of this town. Ella M. is the wife of John Fraser, a native of Scotland, and a member of the Direct United States Cable Staff of Rye; and they have two children — Julius W. and Frederick J. Religiously, the Doctor has been an active member of the Congregational church for more than a half-century.

JONATHAN W. ROBINSON, a prosperous and progressive farmer, living in Brentwood township, was born December 26, 1834, in Exeter township, a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Dearborn) Robinson. He is of pioneer ancestry, his great-grandfather Jonathan having been one of the original settlers of the town of Exeter. Jonathan Robinson spent his life in Exeter, where he was numbered among the well-to-do farmers. He married Sarah Dearborn, a native of North Hampton, this county; and they reared five children, as follows: Jonathan W., the subject of this sketch; Sarah, the wife of J. D. Brown, of Hampton Falls, this county; William, a resident of West Lynn, Mass.; Mary, the wife of John J. Brown, of Hampton Falls; and Daniel W., who lives in Exeter. The father died in 1851; and the mother, now a venerable woman of eighty-two years, lives with her daughter at Hampton Falls.

Jonathan W. Robinson was educated in the common schools of his native town, and on the paternal homestead acquired a thorough knowledge of agriculture. On the death of his father he purchased the interest of the remaining heirs to the old Exeter homestead, and was there engaged in farming until 1872. At that time Mr. Robinson bought the farm on which he now lives, in the town of Brentwood, and which was then known as the old Dudley homestead. It has one hundred and sixty acres of land. By means of extensive improvements he has rendered it one of the most desirable estates in this vicinity. In addition to general farming he is profitably engaged in dairying, supplying milk by wagon to a number of patrons. An ardent advocate of the principles of the Republican party, he takes an active interest in politics, and has held several town offices, including that of Selectman. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum Lodge of Exeter.

Mr. Robinson has been twice married. In March, 1860, he wedded Mary A. Rollins, of Stratham, N.H. She died in 1870, leaving two children — Lucy A. and George A. The daughter is now the wife of Arthur B. Adams, who makes his home with Mr. Robinson, and is engaged in the lumber business in the West. His second marriage took place in 1873, when he was united to Jane E. Dudley. She was born in Brentwood July 7, 1847, a daughter of John Gilman and Jane (Stevens) Dudley, both lifelong residents of this town. Of this union no children have been born. Mrs. Robinson, who is the lineal descendant of an old and prominent family, preserves among many relics of value deeds and records dated two hundred and five years ago.

PERLEY B. BATCHELDER, one of the busy farmers of Nottingham, was born here, January 21, 1871, son of Charles H. and Harriet (Davis) Batchelder. He is a grandson of Gilman Batchelder and Jacob Davis. His paternal grandfather, who was also born here, spent the active years of his life in farming and trading. Ambitious and industrious, and being a man of practical judgment, Grandfather Batchelder attained a fair degree of success. He lived to be seventy-five years of age. His wife, Clara B. Batchelder, died when about fifty-two years old. She was a daughter of Jacob Batchelder, and a cousin of her husband. Of their twelve children Charles H. was the eldest. Four are still living. George G. married Amanda J. Davis, a daughter of Moses Davis, of Nottingham, and has four children — Alpha G., Jay R., Willis G., and Fanny C. The latter is the widow of Charles Harvey, and has one child, Lillia.

Charles H. Batchelder, born in Nottingham, May 3, 1829, was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life. In 1853 he married Miss Harriet Davis, and they became the parents of nine children, four of whom are living. These are: Hattie J., born September 27, 1860, who is the wife of Leroy Woodman, of Northwood, N.H., and has one daughter, Lennor; Cyrus P., born May 3, 1862, the thirty-third anniversary of his father's birth, who married Miss Lois A. Rand, of New Castle, N.H.; Clara A., born March 10, 1864; and Perley B. The father died June 22, 1895, at the age of sixty-six. He and his wife, who is now living on the old homestead, were regular attendants of the Baptist church. A Democrat in politics, he was prominent in town affairs, and served on the Board of Selectmen for several years and in the State legislature for two years.

Perley B. Batchelder spent his early years in acquiring an education. On leaving school, he went to work on his father's farm, and has since been occupied in agriculture. At the present time he owns a good farm of one hundred acres. Aside from the pecuniary advantages derived from his occupation, and despite the hard work inseparable from it, it is manifest that it affords an ample field for the exercise of intelligence, and therefore may be a source of much enjoyment to a man of Mr. Batchelder's disposition. He is a member of Equity Lodge, No. 33, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Northwood.

ALVAH H. PLACE, a prominent druggist of New Market, N.H., was born in Strafford, this State, in 1861. His parents were Jonathan and Sarah (Waterhouse) Tuttle, natives of the same county, where they spent their lives. The father belonged to one of the oldest families in the State, who were early settlers at Dover Point. Learning the carpenter's trade early in life, Mr. Jonathan Tuttle followed this vocation for many years, having the respect of all when he closed his earthly career. The good wife and mother passed away in 1865.

Alvah H. Tuttle was the youngest in a family of seven children. Being left motherless at the early age of four years, he went to Milton, N.H., to be cared for by his aunt, Mrs. Hannah Place, with whom he remained several years. Place being the name by which he was everywhere known, when he was twenty-one he had his name legally changed. While yet a lad of twelve years, he returned to Strafford to work on the farm, with the understanding that he should avail himself of school

privileges at the district school. Two years later, not being satisfied with his opportunity of getting an education, he went to Dover, N.H., entering the employ of the Rev. George B. Spaulding, remaining three years. During a part of that time he was a pupil in the Dover schools. For a year thereafter he worked in the Cocheco Print Works, then going into Lothrop & Pinkh's drug store to learn the business. In 1882 Mr. Place came to New Market, and, after serving three years in Dr. J. H. Twombly's drug store, he bought the business, forming a copartnership with Charles E. Carter, of Lowell, Mass. The firm is now (1896) known under the name of Place & Green. They carry a choice line of goods, and through the management and efforts of Mr. Place the business has greatly increased.

In politics Mr. Place is a Republican, who is anxious and active in regard to party interests, though he does not care for office. He is a man who is always ready to do what he can to help his friends. Socially, he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and Knights of Pythias. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in 1884, was S. Lizzie Palmer. Her father, John Palmer, was for many years a citizen of New Market. Mr. and Mrs. Place have one daughter, Marguerite.

JAMES A. WATERHOUSE, a retired mechanic of Portsmouth, was born in Portland, Me., February 15, 1835, son of William and Clarinda (Todd) Waterhouse. The family has been American for several generations. Jacob Waterhouse, the grandfather of James A., was a native of Portland. He fought for American independence in the Revolutionary War. His principal occupation was boat-building, at which he worked in Portland for the greater part of his life; and he lived to a good old age. He married a daughter of a Mr. Dyer, of Cape Elizabeth, and became the father of eight girls and three boys.

William Waterhouse, who was a native of Portland, was the youngest son of Jacob Waterhouse. Having been educated in the public schools, he learned the trade of boat-builder from his father, and thereafter followed it for a livelihood. He was united in matrimony with Clarinda Todd, daughter of Samuel Todd, of York, Me. Of the children born of the marriage but one, James A., the subject of this sketch, lived to maturity. The father, who was a most industrious man, a good husband and father, died at the comparatively early age of thirty-three years. The mother's death occurred August 30, 1866, when she was sixty years old.

James A. Waterhouse has been a resident of Portsmouth since he was three years old. In due time he was sent to school, which he continued to attend until he reached the age of eleven. He then began to earn his living in the Kearsarge cotton-mills of Portsmouth, where he worked until he was sixteen. After that he was employed as a brakeman on the Chicago & Pacific Railroad, and later as baggage master for the Racine & Mississippi Railroad. On returning from the West, he obtained a position in the ship-yard at Portsmouth. This he held until 1862, when he enlisted for the Civil War in Company K of the Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, receiving the rank of Corporal. The regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, Third Division, Nineteenth Corps, and shared in the siege and capture of Port Hudson on the Mississippi River. His term of service having expired, he was discharged in 1863. Next year he enlisted in the First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and thereafter served until the close of the war. Having received his second discharge in 1865, he returned home, and secured work in the ship-building department of the navy yard. Here he was employed for twenty years, three of which were spent in the capacity of ship-keeper. Since leaving the yard in 1885 he has engaged in no active business.

In 1857 he was united in matrimonial bonds with Deborah Davidson. She is a native of Annan, Scotland, and was one of a large family. Her father, Thomas Davidson, also a native of Scotland, was a stone mason, and worked at that trade as journeyman for many years in Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse have had seven children, two of whom

are now living and married. In politics Mr. Waterhouse has always been a Republican. He has served the town as Councilman for two years, representing Wards 1 and 2, as assistant engineer of the fire department for four or five years, and as chief engineer of the same for two years. His connection with fraternal organizations comprise membership in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Storer Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

ISAAC DOW, formerly Selectman and Representative of his native town, Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., was born on April 29, 1826. His parents were Isaac and Lydia (Pickering) Dow. Isaac Dow, Sr., was a native of the town of Rye, being a carpenter by trade. He and his wife had seven children — Lydia, Valentine, Lizzie G., Francis, McClarin, Isaac, and Martha, of whom Isaac is the only one now living. The father moved to the farm, now occupied by the subject of this sketch, in 1820, where, nearly fifty years later, in the winter of 1869, he was killed by the falling of a shed. His remains are interred in the Newington cemetery. His wife survived her husband seventeen years, dying in 1886.

Isaac Dow remained on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, receiving a common-school education. He then went to Portsmouth, where he worked at the cabinet-making trade one year, going thereafter to Boston, where he remained twelve years, during which time he worked as a carpenter. He subsequently followed the same industry in Portsmouth for a period of twenty-five years. In 1883 he moved back to the old farm, though for a short time afterward he worked at his trade in Portsmouth. He now conducts his farm of seventy acres, which he finds a pleasant and profitable occupation. In politics he is a Republican. He served as Selectman for three years, and was Representative to the State legislature in 1872. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was united in marriage on June 12, 1862, was Abby W. Bean, she being a daughter of Ruel and Sarah (Whidden) Bean. Mrs. Dow was born in Milton, Mass. She has had two children — Herbert B., who resides in Portsmouth, being connected with the firm of Hoyt & Dow, stationers; and Greenleaf C., who died at the early age of four years.

FLAGG F. GRANT is one of the best-known men in Portsmouth, where he has courteously and efficiently discharged the duties of station agent for the Boston & Maine Railroad during several years. He was born March 22, 1858, at Somersworth, N.H., son of Stephen and Mary A. (Jellison) Grant. He is descended from sturdy Scotch ancestors, who settled in that part of Massachusetts now known as Acton, Me., prior to the Revolution, in which his great-grandfather bravely fought. Stephen Grant was engaged in the real estate and hotel business for the larger portion of his life. He spent many years conducting a hotel in Berwick, Me. While an uncompromising Democrat in politics, he refused all political honors. He married Miss Mary A. Jellison, of Waterboro, who bore him seven children. Of these, five are living.

Flagg F. Grant, the second-born of his parents' children, attended the schools of Somersworth for some time. Afterward he pursued a more advanced course of studies at the Berwick Academy, and later, in 1876, graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College in Boston, Mass. Remaining in Boston after the last event, he was employed for some time as ticket agent for the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. Going then to Cochituate, Mass., he was with the Parker Express Company as messenger and bookkeeper for a while. Returning to Berwick, he spent the next year as clerk in Grant's Hotel. Then he came to Portsmouth, and accepted a position with Frank Jones as clerk and steward of the Rockingham and Wentworth Hotels. After serving in this capacity for nine years, he again went to Boston, where for a year he occupied a similar position in the well-known Quincy House on Brattle Street. On leaving the Quincy, he resumed connection with the railroad company, accept-

ing a position as General Agent at Amesbury, Mass. Here he remained until 1890, when he became General Agent at Portsmouth, an office which he has since filled to the satisfaction alike of his employers and the public.

Mr. Grant was united in marriage, March 22, 1887, with Miss Carrie E., daughter of Anthony May, of West Milan, Coos County. Their wedded life has been brightened by the birth of two children — Editha M. and Marjory B. In politics Mr. Grant is a stanch Democrat, and is active and influential in his party. He served the city acceptably as a member of the Common Council in 1892 and 1893, and as Alderman in 1894. He is a Mason, belonging to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; to Washington Chapter, No. 5, Royal Arch Masons; and to De Witt Clinton Commandery, all of Portsmouth. He is likewise an Odd Fellow, being a member of Echo Lodge, No. 52, of Berwick, Me.

GEORGE F. BEEDE, of Fremont, one of the most enterprising and thriving farmers of Rockingham County, was born, January 5, 1838, on his present homestead, son of Daniel and Ann Elizabeth (Folsom) Beede. The Beede family have been prominent in the annals of Fremont for several generations. Eli Beede, first a native of the Isle of Jersey, came to this country about the year 1760, and settled in the territory now included in East Kingston, then a part of Exeter, this county. He purchased a farm in Fremont for each of his sons — Hezekiah, Daniel, Thomas, and Jonathan. The first of the name to settle here was Jonathan Beede, the great-grandfather of George F. He settled on this farm, which has since been occupied by his descendants, and where his death occurred in 1825. The maiden name of his wife was Annie Sleeper. Eli Beede, son of Jonathan, and a native of Fremont, was born September 9, 1777, and died March 5, 1822. He succeeded to the ownership of the farm, on which he made many improvements, including the replacing of the old log cabin, which his parents built, by a substantial frame house, the present dwelling of his grandson. He married Miss Ruth Peaslee, who was born in Newton, N.H., November 22, 1778, and died on the old home farm November 13, 1842. The ceremony was performed October 22, 1800, and they had four children — Jonathan, Daniel, Eli, and Mary. Eli is still living, a resident of Amesbury, Mass.

Daniel Beede was also born on the homestead March 28, 1804. He was reared a farmer, and continued in that occupation, while he also executed a good deal of carpenter's and blacksmith's work, at both of which he was expert. His entire life was spent on the homestead where he was born. He was a man of prominence in the town, served in the various public offices with ability, and, like his grandfather, was many years a minister in the Society of Friends. Having rounded out a full period of years, he passed away April 16, 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Elizabeth Folsom, was born and bred in Epping, this county, a daughter of John Folsom. Mr. Folsom was descended from one of the pioneer settlers of Epping. He was born there, October 3, 1783, and died January 26, 1846. His wife, in maidenhood Mehitabel Morrill, was a native of North Berwick, Me., born in 1790. She preceded her husband to the grave, dying September 30, 1846, leaving two children — Susan and George F. Susan, born June 12, 1836, resides in Danville, this county, is the wife of Andrew J. Philbrick, a farmer and a merchant, and has two children — George A. and Arthur L. Philbrick.

George F. Beede, at the age of nineteen, took charge of the homestead farm which his father had given him. He had previously completed his education at the Friends' School in Providence, R.I., which he attended through the winter terms for three years. He has made farming his chief occupation, and is considered an authority on all subjects relating to agriculture. His farm comprises two hundred and thirty-four acres of fertile land. In addition to carrying on general farming he makes a specialty of raising small fruits, more especially strawberries, in the culture of which he has met with rare success. His collection of plants is one of the largest and most choice to be found in New England. In his catalogue for 1896 are named many varieties

of this fruit. Orders for them come to him from all over the country. Mr. Beede, who is a great reader, is the possessor of one of the best farmer's libraries to be found in the State. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He served the town as Selectman for nine years, Superintendent of Schools for ten years, and was its Representative in the State legislature in 1872 and 1873.

On May 20, 1863, Mr. Beede married Miss Ruth P. Nichols, who was born, April 3, 1839, in Winslow, Me. Her father, the late John Nichols, married Sarah Osborn, who bore him four other children, who are also living; namely, Dorcas, Samuel, Moses, and Sarah Alice. Mr. Nichols died when his daughter Ruth was but two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Beede are the parents of nine children, as follows: William B., born August 3, 1864, who was married, August 7, 1895, to Lucy A. Hills, and now resides in Exeter; Annie E., born July 16, 1866; Louis A., born May 20, 1868; George E., born June 24, 1870, who is a shoe-cutter in Haverhill, Mass.; Mary Alice, born October 14, 1874, who is a teacher in the public schools of Fremont; Augustine, born March 27, 1876, who is a farmer in Fremont; Charles C., born June 9, 1877, who is a clerk in his uncle's store in Danville; Abbie S., born January 15, 1880, who is attending school in Maine; and John D., born January 6, 1883. Both parents are esteemed members of the Friends' Society of West Epping.

WILLIAM F. WATSON, a member of the well-known firm Watson Brothers, proprietors of a general store at Nottingham, was born March 6, 1843, his parents being Sewell and Lydia (Daniels) Watson. He is a representative of an old and respected family of Rockingham County. His grandfather, William Watson, a native of Northwood, born February 22, 1766, was an industrious and enterprising farmer, in which calling he spent practically his entire life on his farm of about one hundred and fifty acres. He married Miss Elsie Cilley, who was born September 27, 1768, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cutting Cilley, of Nottingham, and became the father of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, born June 1, 1789; Sewell, born July 19, 1791; Alice E., born May 15, 1793; William, Jr., born December 1, 1796; Hannah, born January 30, 1800; Sarah, born March 10, 1802, who passed away August 8, 1867; and Martha, born October 30, 1809, who died July 29, 1876. Both parents attained a good old age. In religious belief they were Baptists, and were members of the church of that persuasion at Nottingham. At first a Whig in politics, he afterward became a Jackson Democrat.

Sewell Watson, the father of the subject of the sketch, at the age of twenty-one enlisted as a drummer-boy in the United States army for the War of 1812, in which he served about one year. On his return to civil life he settled in New Market, where, after helping in building the factories, he was engaged as a watchman for sixteen years in the mills of the New Market Manufacturing Company. In 1842 he removed to Nottingham, and purchased the farm of about sixty acres on which his son, William F., now resides. Here he was successfully occupied in general farming until near the close of his life, which occurred on February 9, 1867. He was twice married. On February 10, 1822, he was joined in matrimony with Miss Nancy Bazen, of Portsmouth, N.H. Born of the union was one son, who died in infancy. The mother died in 1824. In 1841 the father married again, taking for his second wife Miss Lydia Daniels, a daughter of Henry Daniels, of Lee, N.H. Five children were born of this marriage, namely: William F., March 6, 1843; Izette, June 6, 1845, who died October 29, 1846; Sewell A., April 14, 1847; George E., November 6, 1852, who died October 26, 1859; and Lydia A., June 6, 1849, who is now the widow of Sewell W. Dow, late of Northwood, has had no children, and is living at Hampton, N.H. The mother, who was born in Madbury, N.H., June 10, 1812, still survives by many years the father, making her home with her children.

William F. Watson received his education in the public schools of his native town. At the conclusion of his schooling he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he afterward fol-

lowed for ten years. He was then engaged in the lumbering business for about eight years. In 1875, with David T. Cilley, under the firm name of Cilley & Watson, he started a general country store. After two years he sold his interest to his partner; but nine months later, in 1878, he and his brother, Sewell A., purchased the entire business, and they have since conducted it successfully, under the style of Watson Brothers.

On December 25, 1867, Mr. Watson was joined in matrimony with Miss Jane R. Harvey, a daughter of Francis and Sally S. (Blaisdell) Harvey, of Nottingham. They have since become the parents of four children, of whom all but one are still living. They were: Annie C., born January 17, 1869; Lydia J., born January 18, 1871; Mary A., born June 19, 1872; and Sally S., who died when only three months old.

Mr. Watson has been very prominent in local affairs. In 1877 he held the office of Town Clerk. For six years he was Deputy Sheriff under J. Horace Kent, and in 1895–96 he served the town as Selectman. During President Harrison's administration he was the Postmaster of Nottingham, having previously been Assistant Postmaster for twelve years. He is affiliated with the fraternity of Masons, being a member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, of Epping, N.H. He also fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Equity Lodge, No. 33, of Northwood, and the North River Encampment at East Northwood. In politics he supports the Republican party, while his religious belief is the Universalist creed; and he is a member of the church of that denomination in Nottingham.

FRANK H. DURGIN, a prominent citizen of New Market, N.H., and Representative in the State legislature for that town, was born in Lee in 1863. His parents are Greenleaf and Mary A. (Jenkins) Durgin, of whom the father has filled several local offices, serving as Selectman and Collector. He and his estimable wife are still living on the home farm.

Frank H. Durgin received a public-school education, and at the age of eighteen left the parental roof in Lee, coming to New Market, where he formed a copartnership with his brother, John W., in the grocery business. This lasted until 1888, when Frank H. bought his brother's interest. He has continued the enterprise since, the building which he owns being one of the finest in town. He carries the largest stock of fancy groceries in New Market, and he is said to have four times as much trade as any other dealer. The brother with whom he was associated in business is no longer living. Mr. Durgin has always cast his vote for the Republican party. He has served the town three years as Treasurer, and is now a member of the State legislature. He is identified with various Masonic and kindred societies, being a member of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, in which he has filled all the chairs, besides serving as District Deputy of the Grand Division for three years; charter member of William A. Frye Lodge, No. 5, Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias, officiating at present as Captain of the company; member of Rising Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; charter member of Lamprey River Grange, No. 240; and associate member of George A. Gay Post, No. 18, Grand Army of the Republic.

His wife, to whom he was married in 1888, was by maiden name Martha Slater, a native of Attleboro, Mass. She has two sons — Robert G. and J. Frank. Mrs. Durgin is a Methodist in religion.

EDWARD M. BERRY, of Greenland, though not a New Hampshire man, is the husband of an estimable lady, who comes of one of the old families of New Hampshire bearing the same name, which, transplanted in Colonial times from the Old World, has taken deep root in the Granite State, producing generations of hardy and intelligent men and women. Its first representative in Greenland of whom there is authentic record was Thomas Berry, who was born in February, 1731. His wife, Abigail, was born in 1834. Isaiah Berry, their fourth son, and the great-grandfather of Mrs. Edward M. Berry, was born in Greenland in 1761. He followed the occupation of farmer, was a

leading man in his native town, and served in the New Hampshire legislature. He married Bathsheba Shaw, who was born November 11, 1760. Their son, Levi Berry, who was Mrs. Berry's grandfather, was born in Greenland, March 26, 1792. Levi, a farmer like his ancestors, was thrifty and enterprising, and owned a large estate, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He married Patience Marden, who was born February 29, 1796, and reared him four children. These were: Abigail, afterward Mrs. Rand, born September 26, 1815; Nathan, born October 23, 1818; Oliver, born April 28, 1821; and Francis A., the father of Mrs. Berry, born April 23, 1824. Francis A. Berry was educated in the district school of his native town. He was engaged in general farming from his youth, was one of Greenland's most prosperous citizens, owning a large amount of property, was an officer in the State militia, and died in 1861. He was married February 1, 1854, to Martha Brown, daughter of Simon and Polly (Seavey) Brown, of Rye, this county. Of their four children two died in infancy. The others are Mary L. and Abbie A. The latter is the wife of Walter Littlefield, has two sons, Frank D. and Walter B., and resides in Boston, Mass.

Mary L. Berry, the wife of Edward M. Berry, whose name appears at the head of this article, is the mother of seven children—Annie L., Frank A., Bertha H., Abbie L., Elmer A., Russell P., and John B. She is an amiable, intellectual woman, belongs to Greenland Grange, and is prominent in Greenland society. Mr. Berry is a member of the American Legion of Honor and the Mutual Relief of North Hampton. Their residence in Greenland leaves nothing to be desired as a home.

CHARLES C. BARTON, of North Hampton, N.H., a self-made man, who, beginning as a "barefoot boy," has worked his way to the position of the largest land-owner in the town, was born in Stratham, this county, January 9, 1821. His parents were William and Mary A. C. (Frost) Barton, the former a native of Epsom, N.H., the latter of Portsmouth. William Barton did not live to be an old man. He spent most of his active life in the town of Stratham, on the farm originally owned by a well-known physician, for whom he named this son. His wife was quite young when she was called from the scenes of earth; and the three children, Mary A. C., Charles C., and William, who mourned her loss were hardly old enough to care for themselves. Mary A. C. was twice married, a Mr. Clifford being her first husband; Daniel Eastman, of Norwich, Vt., her second; and she had two children, Daniel and Betsey A. Charles C., the subject of this sketch, is the only one of the three now living. William Barton was married, and lived for a number of years in Exeter, N.H.

Charles C. Barton was early bound out as a farmer's boy to Mr. Jacob Brown, of North Hampton, and received but a limited district school education. He had neither shoes nor hat when he came to this town, and the sight of other boys who had homes and decent clothing made his childish heart ache. Without a mother's sustaining love, he had one comfort that never deserted him, the thought conveyed in the passage of Scripture, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven, and all these things shall be added unto you"; and, following the admonition in the first part as closely as possible throughout his life, the prophecy in the second part has been fulfilled. He was with Mr. Brown two years, then for a year and a half with the widow of Oliver Dearborn, who died at the end of that time. When he was nine years old, he went to work for Joseph S. Marston, with whom he remained as a bound boy until of age. Mr. Marston then agreed to pay him five dollars per month; and he continued to work for him for two years, saving considerable money. His wages were then raised to seven dollars a month, which seemed a large sum in comparison to what he had been getting. At this rate he worked for Mr. Marston and Mr. John Taylor, three days in each place, and was joyfully anticipating the time when he could buy a farm of his own; but, wearied with the exertions of the day before, he overslept one morning, and was discharged.

Somewhat discouraged, he sought another position, and found one that paid better,

Nathaniel Batchelder, Esq., hiring him for nine dollars and fifty cents a month. Mr. Batchelder, who kept a store, had one other hired man, Peter Moore; but a great part of the farm work fell to young Barton, and he got in fifty tons of hay that year. He remained with Mr. Batchelder eighteen months, and then went to Lowell, Mass., where he worked some nine years, his wages averaging ninety-six cents a day. He was subsequently employed as watchman at one dollar and six cents per day, and afterward as teamster at one dollar and thirteen cents per diem. During all this time Mr. Barton was carefully husbanding his earnings; and he first bought a farm of twenty-five acres in North Hampton, which had belonged to Mr. Eben Wentworth. About 1850 he purchased his present homestead, which was then known as the John Taylor place, and has gradually added to his real estate, until now he is the proud possessor of five hundred acres — pasture, tillage, and valuable timber land.

Mr. Barton's persevering industry is exemplified by what he has accomplished. His courage and endurance are illustrated by the following: He has suffered a number of accidents, among which may be mentioned the falling of a large bundle of hay on his head and his being run over by a heavy team, and in some one of these catastrophes he received an internal hurt, to which he paid no attention. A few years ago he was taken with sharp pains in his back, and the physician summoned gave some commonplace reason. Mr. Barton bravely returned to his work, and persevered until he had to be carried home by his son. He was unable to sit down, and remained standing, clinging to the bedpost until the physician arrived. The doctor ordered him to bend over a chair, and after a brief but excessively painful examination extracted a bone an inch and a half long in the shape of a crescent, with extremely sharp points. This, he said, had probably been working through his body for forty years.

Mr. Barton was married June 9, 1850, to Dorcas, daughter of James and Abigail (Goodwin) Libby, of Ossipee, N.H., and by this union has three sons — Charles L., James W., and George E. Charles L. Barton married Bessie Sayball, of Canada, and has the following children: Dorcas, Goldie Eliza, Maude, and Charles William. James W. Barton married Eliza Jenness, of Rye, a widow with one child, Frank Philbrick, and has two children — James C. and Ethel J. George E. Barton married Gertrude Sayball, his brother's wife's sister, and has one child, Charles C. James W. Barton, who is on the farm with his father, has served as Selectman of North Hampton for two years, and has been elected Road Surveyor a number of times. The angel of death has not entered Mr. Barton's home since it was established.

Mr. Barton cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844, and has been a stanch Democrat ever since. He served as Selectman three years, and was honored with appointment as Road Surveyor and School Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Barton are members of the Congregational church in North Hampton. While he was working for Mr. Marston there was a great revival in the town, and on the street where he was living every one was converted but himself. Shortly after he heard an eloquent sermon on the text, "One will be taken, and the other left," which made a deep impression on him, and caused his conversion; and twenty years ago he joined the North Hampton church.

BRADFORD S. KINGMAN, a popular jeweller of New Market, was born in Bridgewater, Mass., June 17, 1845, son of Philip D. and Betsy B. (Washburn) Kingman, both natives of Middleboro, Mass. The father learned the trade of wheelwright; but, after working at it for some time, he abandoned it for the insurance business, which he followed for many years. He was very prominent in that part of Massachusetts, serving for thirty-seven years as Sheriff of Plymouth County. His death occurred on November 15, 1883, and that of his wife on August 1, 1884.

Bradford S. Kingman received his education in the common schools and at the Bridgewater Academy. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the jeweller's trade. After serving nearly four years to it, he went to North Bridgewater, where he worked at it for about

a year. In October, 1869, he came to New Market, bought out the business of a jeweller here, and since conducted it himself. He now owns one of the finest business blocks in town; while his watches, clocks, jewelry, and optical goods are second to none. In politics he is a Republican, but he does not seek political preferment. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, having been through the chairs, and is Past Chancellor and District Deputy Grand Master. For fifteen years he was Secretary of the local Masonic lodge, and is a member of the Grand Lodge of the State, being Junior Grand Warden, also officiating for two years each as District Lecturer and Deputy Grand Master. Mr. Kingman is likewise a Knight Templar, and a member of the New Hampshire Club.

In September, 1868, he was married to Helen Mitchell, who was born in Bridgewater, daughter of Edward and Margaret (Seaver) Mitchell, both natives of Massachusetts. She had one child, Bela Kingman, now in the bicycle business in New Market, and also associated with his father in the jewelry trade, Mr. Kingman, Sr., who is a fine specimen of a New Englander, and well entitled to the social consideration he receives.

SIMON G. PRESCOTT is a retired business man and an extensive real estate owner at Auburn, Rockingham County, N.H., where he was formerly the enterprising and successful proprietor of a general country store. He was born at Wilmot Flat, Merrimack County, November 22, 1830, his parents being Hazen and Clara (Greeley) Prescott.

Hazen Prescott was a native of Guilford, N.H., where he devoted a part of his mature years to the honored vocation of general agriculture. He married Miss Clara Greeley, a native of Wilmot Flat, N.H., and a daughter of Deacon Insley and Dolly (Brown) Greeley. She was one of a family of eight children, three of whom yet survive, namely: Simon, who still resides at Wilmot as a retired merchant; Sarah, who also is an inhabitant of Wilmot, and the wife of Elder Sargent; and Betsy Cross, of Claremont, N.H. In 1845 Mr. Greeley departed this life at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife at the age of ninety-three. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Prescott was blessed in the birth of four children, namely: Mary A., who passed away November 18, 1873, at the age of forty-six years; Eliza, who married John E. White, of Auburn, and became the mother of one son, Edwin H. White; Rhoda M., now Mrs. Levi Preston, also of Auburn, and mother of one son, Edgar S. Preston; and Simon G. Mr. Hazen Prescott did not participate very actively in local or national politics, preferring to devote his attention to his own mercantile pursuits and to enjoy the quiet of his family circle rather than to enter into the publicity of a political career. He, however, was a supporter of the Republican party. In religious faith and fellowship he was a Free Will Baptist. He died November 26, 1850, at the age of forty-six years and six months. His estimable wife outlived him several years, she passing away January 18, 1864, at the age of sixty-two years.

Simon G. Prescott grew to manhood on the paternal estate, obtaining his intellectual preparation for the duties and responsibilities of life in the common schools of his native place, Wilmot Flat. At the expiration of his period of schooling he for a number of years engaged in the shoemaker's trade, both making and selling the product. After the Civil War had been more than half waged, he, in September, 1864, gave himself to his country's service, enlisting in Company K of the First New Hampshire Regiment of Heavy Artillery. His enrolment was for one year, and he was connected with the army of the Potomac in the defences of Washington. Being mustered out of service at Concord, N.H., June 15, 1865, he on the same day found himself at home. He shortly obtained employment in a country store at Wilmot Flat, where he remained five years. Removing then to Auburn village, he bought the business in general merchandise of Captain Pennock. He carried on a very extensive and prosperous trade in groceries, grain, hay, coal, dry goods, hardware, and the like until April, 1894, when, deciding to retire from the cares of an active mercantile life, he transferred the business to

his son, Frank H., who is still managing it under very auspicious circumstances. Mr. Prescott owns several tracts of land in Auburn, and he also has one hundred acres at Manchester and Hookset. In Auburn he is likewise the proprietor of three dwelling-houses, and he and his family themselves occupy what is commonly reputed the finest residence in the town.

On April 26, 1855, Mr. Prescott was joined in matrimony with Miss Abbie F. Brown, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Brown, to whom she was born at Auburn, February 8, 1836. Her mother's maiden name was Sarah Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Prescott have had two children, namely: Willie H., who was born on August 26, 1861, and who passed away January 30, 1863, at the age of one year and six months; and Frank H. The latter, who was born June 4, 1864, received his education at the public schools of Manchester and Pennacook and in Bryant and Stratton's Business College in Manchester, N.H.; and he is now the proprietor and manager of the general country store at Auburn. On December 24, 1885, he wedded Miss Isabelle Seaton Wood, who was born on October 16, 1864, daughter of Alfred T. and Caroline P. Wood, residents of Auburn, and is the mother of one child, a daughter, Blanche Howard by name, who was born April 7, 1887.

Mr. Prescott has served his fellow-townsmen in several prominent and responsible public capacities. For one year he officiated as Town Treasurer, and for thirteen years as Town Clerk. For five years he also acted as Assistant Postmaster at Wilmot Flat, during a part of which time he was in partnership with J. Howard Greeley, under the firm style of J. H. Greeley & Co.; and he was Postmaster at Auburn five years, four years under Harrison and one year under Cleveland. He likewise served as a Representative in the State legislature during the terms of 1885-86 and 1886-87. He is identified with the Republican party, and has been chosen delegate to the Republican State Convention. In the social life of the community Mr. Prescott freely participates, as well as in the mercantile and civic affairs. He is affiliated with the Patrons of Husbandry, being a member of Massabesic Grange, No. 127, of Auburn. He is a regular attendent of the Methodist Episcopal church of Auburn, and liberal in its support. Mr. Prescott, by dint of his enterprise, industry, and progressiveness, has achieved a very large success in his mercantile career; and he worthily bears the name of being one of the wealthiest citizens of the community.

WALTER BOYCE, who carries on general farming at the Watts homestead farm in Londonderry, was born in Londonderry, August 20, 1831, son of Robert and Persis (Garvin) Boyce. Ancestors of the family were early settlers of this county; and Mr. Boyce's grandfather, William Boyce, was a native and a lifelong resident of Londonderry.

Robert Boyce, Mr. Boyce's father, was born at the Boyce homestead in Londonderry. When a young man, he learned the carpenter's trade, which with farming he followed during the active period of his life. He was an industrious man. He supported the Whig party in politics, and in his religious belief was a Baptist. He married Persis Garvin, a native of Manchester. Of her children the following survive: Nelson, a resident of Nashua; Elizabeth J., wife of Nathan Adams, of Bedford, N.H.; Walter, the subject of this sketch; Adeline A., the wife of Jonathan Y. Nesmith, of Londonderry; and Esther W., the wife of Alonzo F. Clark, of East Tilton, N.H.

Walter Boyce attended district school No. 8 in Londonderry, where he completed his studies at the age of eighteen. He then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some years. Coming into possession of the Watts farm, consisting of ninety-five acres of well-improved land, he relinquished the pursuit of his trade, and has since devoted his energies to farming.

Mr. Boyce wedded Esther J. Watts, daughter of Joshua C. Watts, late of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have long enjoyed the sincere esteem and good-will of their neighbors. Among the prosperous farming people of Londonderry, no one is better or more favorably known than Mr. Boyce. In politics he is a Republican. He takes a deep interest in

all matters relative to the general welfare of the community. During his long and useful life he has witnessed many notable changes, greatly benefiting the town and increasing its attractiveness.

THOMAS W. RAND, one of the foremost business men of the town of Rye, is a practical farmer and a prosperous merchant. He was born January 7, 1833, at Rye, which is the birthplace of his father, Jedediah, and, presumably, of his grandfather, Thomas Rand. Thomas Rand was one of a large family of children. Four of his brothers were engaged in the hotel business in this locality. Their sons are now similarly engaged, some being proprietors of hotels in Massachusetts, and some in the State of New York. He was himself a farmer; and in his younger years, like his neighbors, was lucratively occupied in fishing. He married Mary Tuck, who bore him, among other children, Jedediah.

Jedediah Rand acquired his education in the common schools of Rye. He learned the trades of tanner and shoemaker, which, together with farming, became his chief occupations for a time. In the latter he was especially successful, earning a reputation as the most skilful farmer of the community. Afterward, taking a store owned by a brother, and which has been over eighty years in the possession of the Rands, he engaged in the sale of general merchandise. This venture proving successful, he continued in it for forty years, showing himself to be a very capable business man. The Rands have for many years been identified with the highest interests of Rye, and are among its most loyal and public-spirited residents. The eldest of Jedediah's brothers served in the War of 1812. Jedediah died in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Miss Eliza J. Yeaton, of Epsom, Merrimack County, who bore him four children; namely, Lory O., Elizabeth J., Thomas W., and Augustus Y. Lory O. married Miss Emma Shaw, of Brockton, Mass.; and they have one child, Lizzie. Augustus, who lives in Rye, married Miss Amanda Downs.

Thomas W. Rand received a common-school education. When a young man, he learned the carpenter's trade, and subsequently worked at it for twelve consecutive years. He then returned home, and assisted his father both on the farm and in the store. Now the owner of store and farm, he carries on general agriculture after the most approved methods, and has an extensive trade in general merchandise. He also deals largely in hay and cattle. Having cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, Mr. Rand has been a loyal member of the Republican party since. He is deeply interested in educational matters, and at different times was Secretary, Trustee, and member of the School Committee. In the latter capacity he served for terms aggregating ten years. He is a member of the grange, organized in Rye in 1895.

In 1858 he was united in matrimony with Louisa A., daughter of Alexander Hodgdon, of Greenland, N.H., by whom he has become the father of two sons — Blake H. and Jedediah. Blake H., who is in business with his father, married Leonia, daughter of Joseph J. and Clarissa Knowles Drake, of this town. Jedediah, a mason by trade, is employed in different places, his business keeping him away from home much of the time. He married Miss Edith Foss, daughter of John O. and Amanda (Marden) Foss, of Rye.

PEPPERELL FROST, one of the old and respected residents of North Hampton, was born December 8, 1815, in Parsonsfield, York County, Me., son of William and Lydia (Johnson) Frost. The Frosts are an old Maine family. Our subject's grandfather, Simon Frost, was a farmer who spent his days in the vicinity of Kittery, Me.; and his wife, Eunice Frost, was a native of that part of the State. They had but one child, William, who was born in Kittery, Me., and there obtained his education. William followed agriculture during his active life, and died at the advanced age of eighty-five on the homestead, which he had inherited from his father. His first wife, who was a daughter of David Johnson, of Parsonsfield, died at the age of thirty, leaving eight chil-

dren; namely, David, Mary A., Lydia, Sarah, Pepperell, Anna, Jonathan, and Simon. David resides in Newburyport, Mass.; Mary A., in Lynn, Mass.; Jonathan in Medford, Mass.; and Simon in Parsonsfield, Me. Mr. Frost subsequently married Maria Towns, by whom he became the father of three children — Olive, Ann, and Betsey.

Pepperell Frost obtained his education in the district schools in Parsonsfield. After leaving school, he worked on the farm a year. About 1835 he went to a lumber camp, a hundred miles above Bangor, where he remained two seasons, felling trees in the winter and working in a saw-mill in the summer. In 1837 he returned to his home; and in 1838 he went to Waltham, Mass., where he was on a farm some five years. In 1843 he purchased his present homestead in North Hampton, a good property of sixty acres, plentifully enough supplied with growing timber.

Mr. Frost was married July 4, 1843, to Lydia, daughter of Levi and Lydia (Lovering) Brown, of North Hampton. She died, leaving four children — Thomas, George, Lydia, and Levi. Lydia Frost married William J. Breed, of Lynn, and has one child, Lydia; and George married Maria Hall, and has two children — George and Olim. Mr. Frost's second wife, whose maiden name was Hannah White, has no children. Beginning by casting his first Presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1836, Mr. Frost has voted with the Democrats throughout the sixty years that have since elapsed. He is an industrious and law-abiding citizen, and has the respect of his townsmen.

JOHN P. HARDY, a representative citizen of Derry Depot, and at present a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Londonderry, Rockingham County, N.H., September 13, 1855. He is a son of Aaron P. and Delia (Brickett) Hardy, both parents being natives of New Hampshire. Aaron P. Hardy was a man of much practical knowledge, though he had received but a common-school education. He resided for a number of years in Londonderry, and was extensively engaged in farming and lumber dealing, also retailing general merchandise. In politics he was first a Whig, and subsequently a Republican, and as a public-spirited man he was always ready to aid in projects for town improvement Believing thoroughly in the elevating power of religion, the power that conserves the best interests of society, he showed its influence in his daily life, and was a prominent member of the Presbyterian church. He died in July, 1887, leaving four children — George H., a resident of Londonderry; Hattie E.; John P.; and Frank A.

John P. Hardy was reared on a farm in Londonderry, and acquired his education in the district schools of that town. He was associated in mercantile business for several years with his father, under the firm name of A. P. Hardy & Son, and was subsequently in the milk business in Londonderry. In 1882 he came to Derry Depot, and for a number of years was in the employ of Colburn, Fuller & Co., shoe manufacturers. In 1895 he again engaged in the milk business, which at present occupies his attention. Mr. Hardy has a wide circle of acquaintances, both in Londonderry, the home of his youth, and in Derry Depot, his home for fourteen years past. He has made many friends in business and social relations, and has already established an excellent trade as a milk dealer.

He was married June 12, 1878, to Mattie E. Wiley, of Londonderry, a daughter of Ephraim A. and Nancy (Blood) Wiley, and has one daughter, Inez E. Mr. Hardy, like his father, is a Republican. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen in March, 1896, and in his performance of the duties of the office is giving general satisfaction to his fellow-townsmen.

THOMAS ENTWISTLE, City Marshal of Portsmouth, is a native of England, born in Hyde, Cheshire, January 12, 1840. He came to Portsmouth in his boyhood, and obtained employment in the Kearsarge Mills. Here he worked until the Civil War broke out, when he was among the first who offered their services in defence of the Union.

Mr. Entwistle enlisted June 21, 1861, in

Company D, Third Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. At first the regiment was assigned to the Tenth Corps, commanded by General Gilmore; but, when General Grant received the chief command, it was under the orders of General Butler. Mr. Entwistle served from the beginning to the end of the war in the southern campaigns, sharing in the following actions: Port Royal Harbor, November 7, 1861; Elba Island, March 7, 1862; Bluffton, March 16, 1862; Jehossee, April 10, 14, and 17, 1862; James Island, June 8, 1862; Secessionville, June 16, 1862; Pinckney Island, August 21, 1862; Pocotaligo, October 22, 1862; May River, January 7, 1863; Stone Inlet, April 7, 1863; Morris Island, July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, July 18, 1863; siege of Wagner, July 18 to September 7, 1863; siege of Sumter, September 7 to March 1, 1864; Palatka, April 13, 1864; and Drewry's Bluff, May 13 to May 16, 1864. He estimates that for one year of the time he was constantly under fire. On July 10, 1862, he was wounded by a minie-ball in the ribs. He was wounded again at Drewry's Bluff, receiving the injury this time in the right leg, and resulting in his capture by the enemy. On this occasion he was first taken to Libby Prison, and then, after the lapse of two weeks, to Andersonville, where he was held nine months. In the beginning of February, 1865, as he and other prisoners were being transferred to another place, fifty of the number, including Mr. Entwistle, jumped from the train, and escaped. After a perilous journey lasting twenty-one days, during which they suffered many hardships, he and two companions reached the Union lines on February 22. He received a furlough of thirty days after the assault on Fort Wagner, in recognition of meritorious conduct on the field. Also in the course of the service he was advanced to the rank of Sergeant. At one time he was recommended for a Lieutenancy, and would have received it but for a thoughtless speech of his uttered impulsively. He was honorably discharged at Concord, N.H., August 2, 1865.

After receiving his discharge, Mr. Entwistle returned to Portsmouth, obtained employment in the blacksmith's shop of the navy yard, and worked there for about eighteen months. He was then appointed night patrol of Portsmouth. The duties of this position had been efficiently discharged by him for two years, when he was elected Assistant Marshal. He held that office for nine years, and was then elected City Marshal, in which capacity he served eight years, making a continuous period of nineteen years spent in the public service. Subsequently he was Captain of Watch in the navy yard. From this position he was removed under the Democratic administration, and for five months of 1885 he worked in the blacksmith shop of the Boston & Maine Railroad for the following three years. He was then reinstated Captain of Watch in the navy yard after the election of Benjamin Harrison to the Presidency, and remained this time seven years. His connection with the navy yard was ended by his resignation to accept the office of City Marshal once more, which he still occupies.

On October 13, 1859, Mr. Entwistle was united in matrimony with Elvira S. Dyer, daughter of Eliza Dyer, of Portsmouth, and subsequently became the father of three girls and two boys. Two of the girls and one son are now married. His son William has been a candy manufacturer in Portsmouth for a number of years. The other son is a machinist in the navy yard. Both parents are members of the Episcopal Church of St. John. In politics Mr. Entwistle has been a zealous Republican, doing good service on the committee of Ward 1 for thirty years. He has served the community in the representative capacities of Selectman, Councilman, and Alderman, and in the office of Deputy United States Marshal. He is a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons, No. 1; a charter member of Osgood Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 48; and a comrade of Storer Post, No. 1, Grand Army of the Republic.

JOHN S. GOSS, a veteran agriculturist of Rockingham County, New Hampshire, was born October 26, 1817, in the town of Rye, in the house in which he now lives. He comes of patriotic stock, and is a descendant of one of the

early settlers of this town. Nathan Goss, the grandfather of John S., spent his entire life in Rye, where he was engaged in farming. He was a Revolutionary soldier, participating in the battle of Ticonderoga. Several of his brothers were Revolutionary heroes, Thomas having served under Captain Paul Jones. Richard was killed during the war; and James was stationed at Fort William and Mary, now Fort Constitution.

Thomas Goss, the father of John S., was born in Rye, which was his home through life. He was a farmer and miller, carrying on both occupations with an industrious zeal that brought him success. He saw active service during the War of 1812, commanding the minute-men from Rye. In the State militia he was successively Colonel, Lieutenant, and General. He was a brave and determined man, and at one time prevented the crew of a British frigate from landing at Rye, they having attempted to come ashore near the house now occupied by his son, John S., which was then his home. The General lived to the advanced age of eighty-nine years, passing quietly away in 1857. His first wife, Sarah Marden, of Rye, bore him three children: William; Sheridan, who died young; and Sarah A. His second wife, Abigail Locke, was the mother of one son, John S., who is the only child now living. William died in December, 1891. His wife was Betsey Berry, by whom he had six children — Otis, Amanda M., Mary C., Arthur L., Sarah A., and Nathan R. Otis, the eldest of William's sons, is married, and has three children — Elzada, Isabel, and Olive A. Sarah A. (daughter of General Thomas Goss) married Ira Rand, and at her death left two children — Gilman and Albert.

John S. Goss was reared and educated in his native town, and after the death of his parents succeeded jointly with his brother William to the ownership of the parental estate. He has a well-improved farm, much of the land being in a good state of cultivation, and comparing favorably with the best farms of this locality in its equipments. Mr. Goss has always been a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1840 for Martin Van Buren. He was married in 1855 to Sula A., daughter of Richard R. and Sarah A. (Leavitt) Locke, of this town. Mrs. Goss passed to the life immortal July 7, 1894, having been a true helpmate to her husband for nearly twoscore years. She was the mother of one child, Wallace S., who married Miss Sarah E. Caswell, of Rye. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace S. Goss became the parents of four children — John S.; Melville J.; Leon W.; Philip N., who died September 13, 1894, aged seven months; and Lizzie Amy. Mrs. Wallace S. Goss died February 26, 1896.

CHAUNCEY B. HOYT, of Portsmouth, N.H., the gifted manager of Hoyt's Orchestra, was born in Newington, Rockingham County, N.H., on March 1, 1865. He is the only son of Gilbert Pickering and Elizabeth J. (LeGrow) Hoyt. William Hoyt, his great-grandfather, had nine children — Phebe, Winthrop P., Hanson, Charlotte, William, Hannah, David, Thomas, and James. Hanson, the son, was a native and lifelong resident of Newington, being an important man in his day and generation. He married Olive F. Coleman, of the same town; and they had nine children, five of whom are now living: Gilbert P., Ann S., Joseph S., Thomas B., and James W. John, Charlotte F., Marcus M., and Olive J. are deceased.

Gilbert Pickering Hoyt, son of Hanson, and father of the subject of this biography, was also a native of Newington. He was so fortunate as to have a farm given him for his name. He married in 1858 Elizabeth J. LeGrow, of Somersworth, then called Great Falls, N.H.; and they had two children: Addie J., who married Charles H. Mitchell, a locksmith and dealer in ammunition in Dover, N.H.; and Chauncey B. Four years after the birth of his son Mr. Hoyt (Gilbert P.) removed to Greenland, N.H., where he took charge of the town farm for four years; and he subsequently officiated as superintendent of St. Paul's School Farm in Concord, N.H., remaining there five years. He then bought the Pickering farm, adjoining the one which had been presented him; and he



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still lives in Newington, carrying on a farm of seventy-two acres. In spite of his threescore years and ten he is nimbly active.

Chauncey B. Hoyt, after attending school in Concord, entered Brackett Academy in Greenland, where he was graduated in 1882; and he began the work of life by serving for two years thereafter as assistant book-keeper in R. H. White's retail dry-goods store in Boston. On account of failing health he then returned to Newington, and in the summer of 1885 he officiated as clerk in the Bartlett Hotel at York Beach, Me. For the ensuing year he was engaged as book-keeper for A. P. Wendell & Co. of Portsmouth, and after that he acted as travelling agent for F. W. Moses for two years. In 1888 Mr. Hoyt bought out Mr. Moses's interests in the music store, forming a copartnership with Herbert B. Dow, under the style of Hoyt & Dow, the firm continuing at the same place, 17 Congress Street, ever since. By reason of his musical taste and training Mr. Hoyt is eminently fitted for the position he fills. He studied with George Loesch, of Boston, and for some time played second violin in the Amateur Symphony Orchestra in that city. For a while he was also connected with Wright's Orchestra in Boston. Mr. Hoyt is quite versatile, being able to play with equal facility on several different instruments. In Hoyt's Orchestra, of this city, he plays bass, prompts, and is also business manager of the ten pieces and players.

In politics Mr. Hoyt is a Democrat, and prominent in official positions. He has served in the Common Council from Ward 2, is now filling his second year of a three years' term in the Board of Instruction, is Selectman, and has also recently been appointed Auditor of Rockingham County, which speaks well for his popularity. Mr. Hoyt attends the Universalist church. He is connected by membership with several social organizations: St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M.; Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, of which he is District Deputy, having held all the chairs in the lodge; Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, of which he is Grand Master at Arms; Lucullus Division, No. 8, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias; and he is also Trustee of Massasoit Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men, No. 16; and is now Major of the Second Battalion, First Regiment of New Hampshire. Mr. Hoyt is a worthy representative of a highly reputable Colonial family, "the early generations of which" in this country, it is said, were of "strict Puritan faith."

RICHARD R. MORRIS, the efficient manager of the Star Brickyard in Epping, N.H., was born in North Wales in 1846. His parents were Owen and Elizabeth (Rogers) Morris, both of whom were natives of Wales, and there spent their lives. The father was part owner of the slate quarry at Carnarvonshire, North Wales, and officiated as superintendent thereof during most of his life. Capable and efficient, he had the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen. He died in 1893, at the age of eighty-two years, his wife's death preceding his own some years.

Richard R. Morris's opportunities for obtaining an education were limited to the night schools of his native country, he being obliged to work in the quarry from the time he was old enough to make himself useful until he was fourteen years of age. He then apprenticed himself to a builder, with whom he agreed to serve seven years. At the end of five years, however, he was released from the apprenticeship, being appointed superintendent of the company. Two years later he withdrew, and established a business of his own, which he successfully managed until 1882. The next year Mr. Morris came to America, locating in Boston, where he was engaged in building with the firm of Norcross Brothers for nine years. In 1892 he came to Epping, in the employ of the same firm, continuing in their service two years longer, then taking charge of the Star Brickyard, owned by Mead & Mason. During the present year (1896) they contemplate burning ten million bricks, which they sell in Boston, Lowell, and various places in New England. This industry is among the leading ones of Rockingham County, giving employment to one hundred and twenty-five men. In politics Mr.

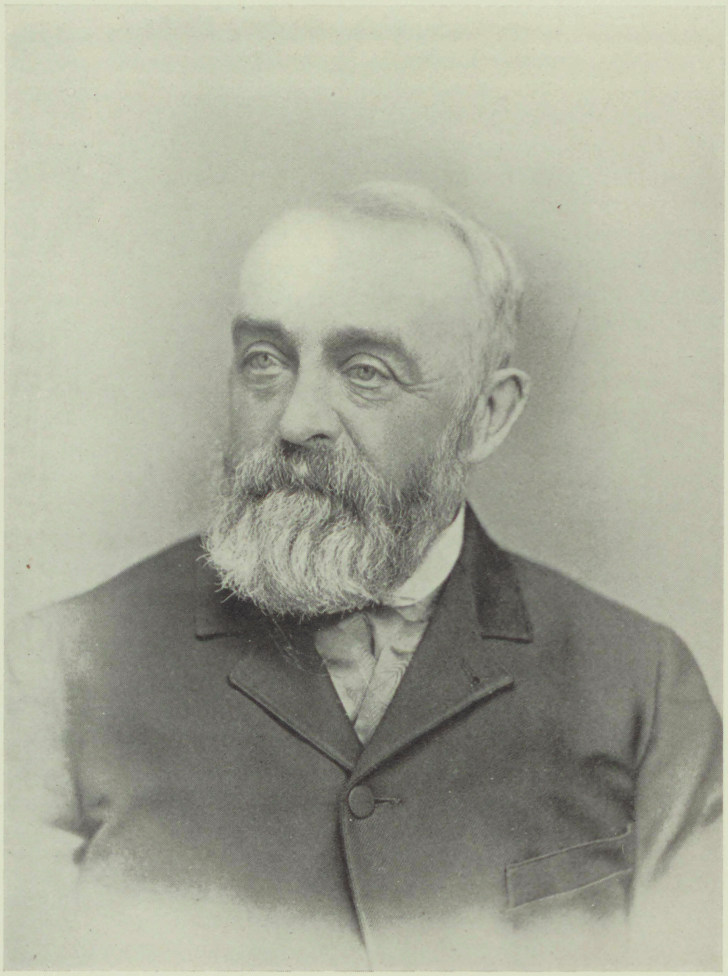
Morris is a Republican, but he has no official aspirations. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, having taken the thirty-second degree. He is Past Commander of the Eminent Commandery, a member of the Consistory, and is also identified in the Knights of Pythias and the Uniform Rank degree.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was united in marriage in 1875, was Sarah Elizabeth Ada Lowcook, born at Great Crosby, Lancashire, England. Her father died when she was a child, and she was brought up by her grandfather, Mr. John Roughley, Postmaster of that place, with whom she lived until her marriage. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris, namely: Richard R., the eldest, who died August 19, 1877, at their home, Penrhyn Villa, Cavendish Road, Blundellsands, Eng.; Gertrude E.; William R.; and Florence Ada Morris. The family are highly respected members of the Methodist Episcopal church; and, like his worthy father, Mr. Morris stands well in word and work.

JOHN ORIN DRAKE, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Rye, and a native of the town, was born November 14, 1851, son of Joseph J. and Clarissa D. (Knowles) Drake. The Drake family comes of ancient and honored ancestry. The first bearer of the name in this country, according to the records, was Robert Drake, who, born in the County Devon, England, in 1580, remained in his native country until sixty-three years of age. In 1643 he came to New England, and settled in Exeter, this county. He afterward removed to the town of Hampton, this county, the house in which he lived having stood upon the spot now occupied by the Baptist church of that town. He remained a resident of Hampton, where he resided during the remainder of his life, and died January 14, 1668, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was an influential man in the town, and in 1654 served as Selectman. A copy of his will may be found in the "Genealogy of the Drake Family," published by Samuel G. Drake in 1845. Robert's son, Abraham Drake, was, by his wife, Sarah, father of Abraham (2). The line was continued by Abraham (3) to Abraham (4), who married Theodate Robey, and to Abraham (5), who married Abigail Weare. The last Abraham had a son, Jonathan, who was the great-grandfather of John Orin Drake. Jonathan's wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Ward, was a native of Hampton. Both she and her husband were lifelong residents of that place.

Colonel Abraham Drake, the grandfather of John Orin Drake, was reared in Hampton. In 1810 he moved to the town of Rye, and here purchased a farm on the Lafayette road, and until his death, in June, 1825, was chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the War of 1812 he was Colonel of the Thirty-fifth New Hampshire Regiment. Colonel Drake married Mary Jenness, who bore him six children, of whom Joseph J., Orin, and Sarah reached maturity. Sarah became the wife of David A. Jenness, and with her reared three children — Emery, Harriet O., and Annie D. After the death of Colonel Drake his widow, who survived until 1885, married David W. Jenness, by whom she had two sons — Abraham and David.

Joseph J. Drake lived for a short time in Massachusetts during his early life, being employed as a gate-tender at a railroad crossing in the town of Medford. In 1836 he returned to the place of his nativity, where he has since carried on general farming with signal success. He has been a Democrat since he cast his first Presidential vote in 1840 for Martin Van Buren, and has never missed a State election or town meeting. He was Selectman of Rye for six years, which included the period of the late war; and in 1883 and 1884 he represented his native town in the State legislature. He married Clarissa D., daughter of Nathan and Sarah H. (Brown) Knowles, of Rye. Ten children were born of the union; namely, Nathan D., Annie D., Mary J., Abram J., John H., Adams E., John Orin, Clara J., James B., and Leonia S. Nathan D. and John H. died in infancy; Mary J., who was the wife of Alfred V. Seavey, died at the age of thirty-five years; and James B. died at the age of eighteen years. Annie D. married Joseph W. Garland, of Rye, and has two children — J. Oriss and Weston J.



JOHN FOLSOM.

Abram J. married Emma Philbrick, who has borne him one child, Abbott B. Adams E. married L. Emma Marden, and has five children — Chester D., Grace E., Marcia L., Annie L., and Merton A. Leonia S. married Blake H. Rand. All the survivors are settled not far from the parental homestead in Rye.

John Orin Drake completed his education at the Hampton Academy in Rockingham County, and was afterward employed as a clerk in the store of J. J. Leavitt in Hampton. In 1874 he returned to the home farm, where he has since resided, assisting in its management. During the winters of 1875 and 1876 and 1881 Mr. Drake taught school in the West district. In 1876 he was appointed by the Selectmen superintendent of the schools of Rye. In this capacity he gave satisfaction and was elected to the office by the people in 1877. He was Town Clerk from 1884 until 1887, inclusive; Selectman in the years 1888, 1889, and 1890; a member of the School Board from 1891 to 1893, inclusive; elected to the office of Town Treasurer in March, 1895, and in March, 1896; appointed Justice of the Peace in 1890, and Notary Public in 1895; and he has been School Clerk for the past three years. Since 1873 he has been a member of Star of the East Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Exeter; and he is Master of the local grange. On August 4, 1876, Mr. Drake was united in wedlock with Miss Clara M., daughter of Joseph A. and Evelyn Leavitt Dearborn. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have three children — Mary L., Jennie C., and Evelyn K.

JOHN FOLSOM, a prominent citizen of Derry, N. H., and an ex-member of the State legislature, was born in Auburn, Rockingham County, February 22, 1826, son of John, Sr., and Dorothy (Underhill) Folsom.

Mr. Folsom's father was a native of Pennsylvania. He came to this county in the early part of this century, accompanied by his mother, and settled in that part of Chester which is now the town of Auburn, where he was employed in the construction of the Londonderry turnpike road. Being possessed of considerable mechanical genius, he invented a machine for producing nails from old scrap iron, which was the first device of its kind in this section; and he manufactured the nails here used in erecting many of the older buildings. He carried on farming, also keeping a hotel in Auburn for several years, becoming widely known beyond the limits of Rockingham County as a genial landlord and as an able politician.

He supported the Whig party. His public services as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Chester and as a Representative to the legislature extended over a period of many years. While serving in the House of Representatives, he displayed sound judgment in the transaction of public business, being especially strong in debate, his forcible arguments generally carrying conviction to a majority of that body. For a number of years he acted as judge of the county, and no public official of his day was better known or more highly respected than was the late Judge Folsom. Some years previous to his death he moved to a farm in Derry, where the rest of his life was passed; and he died here in his seventy-fifth year. He was in many ways one of the most unique and forcible characters of his day, honorably filling a useful position in life; and his death, August 9, 1850, was the cause of general regret throughout the county. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. Judge Folsom's wife, Dorothy Underhill, was a native of Auburn. Of her children, there are five survivors, namely: John, of Derry, further mentioned below; Charles, who resides in New York City; Arthur, a resident of Pennsylvania; Richard, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and David, who also lives in New York.

John Folsom, the special subject of this sketch, attended the common schools of Auburn, and completed his studies at the Chester Academy. At the age of twenty-one he accompanied his parents to Derry, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits with his father; and he has since resided upon the homestead farm here, which occupies an excellent location. The soil is extremely fertile, being capable of producing abundant crops, and is kept up to a high state of cultivation. He deals

extensively in live stock, and buys a great deal of country beef, which he ships to market; and in both agriculture and the cattle business he has been successful.

Mr. Folsom has been twice married. His first wife, who was before marriage Nancy Gault, became the mother of four children, namely: Lizzie, who is the wife of C. S. Pettee, of Derry; Kate B., wife of Fred S. Corwin, residing in Richmond, Va.; George H.; and Dorothy J. The two last named are no longer living. By his present wife, whose maiden name was Adelaide D. Gott, he had one son, John Edward, now deceased.

Politically, Mr. Folsom acts with the Republican party, in which he occupies a prominent and influential position. For four years he labored both ably and diligently for the best interests of the town as a member of the Board of Selectmen; and he was twice elected Representative to the legislature from this district. He is a Deacon of the First Congregational Church, and is deeply interested, not only in religious matters, but in the general welfare of the community.

EDWIN BATCHELDER, owner and proprietor of the Tasker Hotel at Northwood, N.H., was born in Epsom, this State, May 25, 1860, son of Samuel and Cazia (White) Batchelder. His family has long been known in the town of Epsom. His grandfather, Dearborn Batchelder, who was a farmer, after a long residence in the town, died there at the age of seventy. Dearborn Batchelder's children were: Charles, George, Adaline, and Samuel. Samuel Batchelder, who was born in Meredith, N.H., spent the greater part of his life in Epsom. Much of his time was devoted to general farming, though his specialty was breeding fine horses for the market. A lover of horse flesh himself, he was an expert rider; and, when he appeared in the drill parade of the militia company to which he belonged, he bestrode the finest horse in the company. He died at the age of sixty-six. His wife, who is a daughter of Reuben White, of Epsom, is now fifty-four years old. Her children are: Clarence; Edwin, the subject of this sketch; Samuel R.; Ida (Mrs. Spaulding); Orrin; and Annie.

Edwin Batchelder began life's battle for himself at the age of fourteen, obtaining work in a hotel and the livery stable connected therewith. After being thus engaged for four years, he learned the shoe-cutter's trade, which he followed for seven years. In 1888 he opened a livery stable in Northwood, and, while building up a business, continued to work at shoe-cutting. In 1892 he purchased the farm and buildings he now occupies, and opened the Tasker House; and he has since done so well that he has given up his trade. He now manages the farm, which brings him a comfortable income; and the hotel, which, though open the year round, is specially patronized by summer people, and is very popular on account of its good management and plentiful table; and at the same time he has a large livery business. A self-made man, whose prosperity has been self-achieved, Mr. Batchelder is widely known and respected, and is one of the most influential citizens of Northwood.

In 1883 he was united in marriage with Anna M., daughter of Charles A. Hill, of Northwood; and two children have blessed their union — Harold E. and Ardys M. Mr. Batchelder is a stanch Democrat; and, although Northwood is a Republican town, he was elected Road Agent for 1896 by a majority of forty votes.

HON. JOHN M. WEARE, of Seabrook, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in this town, May 5, 1814, son of Joseph H. and Betsy (Mitchell) Weare. He is a lineal descendant of Nathaniel Weare, who came to this county when a child with his father, Nathaniel Weare, first, who was an early proprietor of Newbury, Mass.

This Nathaniel Weare, second, born in England in 1632, married, December 3, 1656, Elizabeth Swayne, of Hampton. He went twice to England as agent of Hampton, and all those in the province who were opposed to Cranfield and Mason, and acted as their agent to prosecute the appeals against Mason before

the king in council. Besides minor offices that he held, he was a Councillor of the government of New Hampshire from 1692 to 1698, again from 1699 to 1715, when he resigned in consideration of his age. He was Justice of the Superior Court in 1694–95. He was Justice of the Peace actively till 1699, and after that Justice of Quorum till his retirement. His wife, Elizabeth, died February 10, 1712. He died May 13, 1718.

Nathaniel, third, the next in line, born in 1669, son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth, was also a Judge of the Superior Court. He settled in Seabrook, near Fogg's Corner, and ended his days in this town. The house built by him is still standing; and the mill which he erected some time prior to 1720 is an old landmark of the region, and one of the interesting features of the Weare farm to-day. This Nathaniel was the father of Meshech Weare, born in 1713, said to have been "one of the most serviceable men the State has ever produced." A man of sterling integrity and purest patriotism, he held many public trusts. He was chosen first "President" of the State in 1784; and "he sat thirty-five years upon the bench of the Superior Court, where his father and his grandfather had sat before him." Meshech Weare was a brother of John Weare, the great-great-grandfather of John M. Weare; and John Weare's son Jonathan was the father of John Weare, second, both being natives of Seabrook. John Weare, second, managed the mill on the premises during his active life. He married in 1780 Miss Thankful Hubbard, of Salisbury, Mass., daughter of Joseph Hubbard.

Their eldest son, Joseph H. Weare, although his educational advantages were only those offered by the district school, was a well-informed man, able and enterprising, a successful farmer and miller. He was Lieutenant of the military training company in the town and Selectman. He died at the age of forty years. His wife was the daughter of Captain Bela Mitchell, and the grand-daughter of William Swett, of Salisbury Point, Mass. Her father, who was a mariner, died while on a voyage to the West Indies. Mrs. Weare, too, was in her prime, her forty-eighth year, when summoned by the angel of death, May 13, 1831. To this couple six children were born; namely, Joseph H., Mary A., Elizabeth B., Sarah L., John M., and Benjamin S.

John M. Weare is now the only surviving member of the family. He received in his boyhood only a limited district school education; but, being naturally intelligent, he has amply made up for the lack in his early training. He was thrown on his own resources when only eight years of age, and at the age of sixteen he began to work as a blacksmith and carriage-smith. He was at one time overseer of the shop connected with the State prison at Concord. Returning thence to Seabrook, he managed the mill and farm, as part owner, for several years, making a specialty of raising cattle; and his stock took many premiums at the cattle fairs. For some time now he has been retired from active work of all kinds, enjoying the prosperity which he has acquired by tireless effort, prompted by his natural sagacity and ability; for Mr. Weare is one of New Hampshire's self-made men.

November 26, 1836, he was married to Mary M. Gove, daughter of David and Susan (Gove) Gove, of Seabrook. Mrs. Mary M. Weare died February 1, 1894. As Mr. and Mrs. Weare reared no children of their own, and an adopted son, John M., died at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Weare is now alone.

In politics he has taken an active interest for sixty-one years, never missing an election, and casting his ballot in fifteen Presidential contests, always on the Democratic side. His first Presidential vote was given to Martin Van Buren in 1836. He has been elected to many offices of trust. In 1853 and 1854 he was State Senator; and, elected a member of the county convention, he was appointed to serve on the committee for investigating the pauper system. He undertook the duties of this charge all alone, visiting the different almshouses, and on his report at the next session of the House the farm system was adopted. Mr. Weare was one of the State Committee at the Hillsborough Convention in the Pierce campaign.

He was Representative for the town in 1875 and 1876. Among his local offices was that of County Road Commissioner, which he

held in 1851. In his younger manhood he took an active interest in military affairs, and was promoted from the rank of Sergeant to that of Colonel in the training militia; and during the War of the Rebellion he was agent for filling the quota of men for the town. Mr. Weare was the first extensive breeder of blood cattle in this section, and was a prominent member of the Board of Agriculture, his age, experience, and success making his opinions of much value. He was President and Director of the Rockingham County Agricultural Society for several years; was appointed by Secretary Guthrie superintendent of the erection of the Portsmouth (N.H.) custom-house, and held the office until the failure of the contractors; was appointed by United States Marshal Stephen W. Dearborn deputy to take census for Seabrook, Kensington, South Hampton, and Newton in 1860; has been Justice of the Peace for fifty years, and Notary Public for several years, at one time did large probate business, and was guardian for many children. William Swett, Mr. Weare's great-grandfather, enlisted, according to his diary, May 2, 1758, in Captain William Osgood's Company, Colonel Preble's Regiment, to go to Canada. He kept a diary all the time he was gone, noting down something every day. The diary is now in Mr. Weare's possession. Mr. Swett afterward enlisted as Second Lieutenant in Captain Joseph Page's Company and Colonel Titcomb's Regiment, in the War of the Revolution.

About the time this goes to press will doubtless be held at Dearborn Hall, Seabrook, "the third annual meeting of the descendants of Nathaniel Weare, who went twice to England as agent of the people of the province of New Hampshire," the call for the reunion having been issued by "J. M. Weare, President."

JALBERT CLARKE, of Exeter, N.H., was born in this town, May 23, 1843. He is a son of William Henry and Sarah (Hilton) Clarke, and is of the eighth generation of his family in this country. His immigrant ancestor, Nathaniel Clarke, who was a native of Wiltshire, England, was one of the wealthy and influential men of old Newbury, Mass., holding the office of Justice of the Peace, and exercising authority in town affairs and in matters connected with the Church of England. He died in Newbury in 1690, aged forty-eight; and he bequeathed to his posterity, among other things, a brigantine.

His son Nathaniel, second, was born in Newbury, March 13, 1666; and a third Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel, second, was born in the same place, July 29, 1689. Nathaniel, third, was mortally wounded in the French and Indian War. His son Samuel, the next in line, was born in Newbury, April 23, 1710; and Samuel's son Moses was born in Salisbury, Mass., October 24, 1737. Moses Clarke, or Deacon Clarke, as he was commonly called, was a strong Baptist in religion. He refused to sign the Association Test. He lived to be fourscore, spending the latter part of his life in Stratham, N.H. His wife, whose maiden name was Mehitable French, was the mother of nine children. Deacon Clarke had a son whose name also was Moses Clarke. He was born, December 23, 1773, in Stratham, Rockingham County, N.H., and settled about 1790 in Exeter, where he died in 1803. He was a merchant or trader. His wife was Jane Robinson, a native of Greenland, this county. Five children were born to this couple, namely: John, who died at the age of twenty; Charles, who served in the War of 1812, and died at the age of sixty-seven in Exeter; Robert, who died in Boston, at the age of forty-one; William Henry; and a daughter, who died in childhood.

William Henry Clarke was born in Exeter, December 4, 1800. He was but three years of age when his father died; and he was reared by his grandfather, Deacon Moses Clarke. For many years he was engaged in trade, in which he was successful; and he owned much valuable real estate. He died in 1863. Mr. William H. Clarke was married in Exeter, February 16, 1825, to Sarah, daughter of Colonel Richard and Martha (Leavitt) Hilton. She was descended from two of the Colonial governors of Massachusetts, John Winthrop and Thomas Dudley. Her first ancestor in this country was Edward Hilton, who came

from London in 1623. His son, Colonel Edward Hilton, married Ann Dudley, daughter of the Rev. Samuel and Mary (Winthrop) Dudley, and grand-daughter of Governor Winthrop and Governor Dudley. Colonel Edward and Ann (Dudley) Hilton were the great-great-grandparents of Colonel Richard Hilton, the father of Mrs. Clarke. Colonel Hilton was a native of New Market, Rockingham County, N.H. His wife was born in Exeter. Mrs. Clarke was an exemplary Christian woman, always ready to help the poor, to visit the sick, and to act as a peacemaker. She was a member of the Congregational church. Her life embraced eighty-two years, and she retained her faculties and activity to the last.

Of the children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clarke the following is a brief record: Charles, a journalist by profession, was Ensign on the monitor "Nahant," at Charleston, S.C., at the time of the Civil War. He died in Worcester, Mass., at the age of sixty-three, leaving four children. William A., who was born in 1827, was a shoemaker by trade, and was a Corporal in the army at the time of the Civil War. He died in North Weymouth, Mass., January 20, 1889. John, who was born in 1830, resides in Exeter. George Washington, who was born in 1832, opened the first store in Charleston, S.C., after the war, and managed a large and successful business. In 1867–68 he was Mayor of Charleston, where he built the famous shell road; and he was Collector of the port under General Grant. In 1878 he returned to Exeter, and engaged in the coal business, shipping large cargoes up the river. His wife was Sarah Maria Stoddard, of Upton, Mass. Her father was a large shoe dealer in Charleston, S.C. George W. Clarke reared four sons and two daughters: Edward H. is a hotel-keeper at Raymond, N.H.; Martha is the widow of Charles P. Wright, of Greenfield, Mass., and has two sons and a daughter; Sarah is the wife of Richard N. Oakman, of Greenfield, Mass., and has one daughter.

J Albert Clarke, the youngest child of William Henry, adopted book-keeping as a vocation, and commenced his business career at the age of eighteen, as clerk in the United States internal revenue department. From 1863 to 1867 he was employed as a book-keeper in Boston, and he then returned to Exeter with the Choate Manufacturing Company. This company closing up its business here in 1868, Mr. Clarke, in company with Mr. William Burlingame, organized the Exeter Machine Works, now one of the best-known concerns of the kind in New England, leasing the property of the Choate Manufacturing Company. In 1870 the plant was destroyed by fire, thus terminating the lease. The same company, which had changed its name to the Exeter Foundry and Machine Company, built a new brick plant, and gave a new lease to the partners. This lease ran till 1876, when the partnership was merged in the corporation, the partners becoming shareholders, and the name Exeter Machine Works included the whole. They produce stationary engines, sectional boilers, radiators, house-heating apparatus by steam or hot water, and between 1871 and 1889 divided total dividends of ninety-seven per cent. Mr. Clarke is one of the principal stockholders and one of the Board of Directors. As a society man, Mr. Clarke has been active and popular; and he has some rich society badges voluntarily bestowed upon him by benefit organizations in recognition of his services and loyalty.

SAMUEL NOWELL, an old resident of Derry, N.H., and the owner of two good farms, was born in this town, August 5, 1825, a son of Captain Nathaniel and Mary Nowell. His father was a native of Newburyport, Mass., and his mother of Derry. His grandfather, Captain Nathaniel Nowell, Sr., who followed the sea in his younger days, was the first of the family to settle in this town.

Captain Nathaniel Nowell, Jr., father of Samuel, was an intelligent and well-educated man. He went to sea when quite young, and was Captain of a vessel at the age of twenty. Following a sailor's life until he was sixty years old, he saw much of the world, but had a remarkably fortunate career, meeting with no serious mishap during all those years. The last part of his life was spent on a farm

near the centre of the town of Derry, where he died in 1843. Five children were born to him and his wife, namely: James, a resident of East Derry, and Samuel, the subject of this sketch, the only ones living to-day; and Alfred, Frederick, and Betsey, who have passed away.

Samuel Nowell received most of his rudimentary education in District School No. 4 of Derry, but much of his present knowledge has been since acquired by reading and observation. He has been engaged in farm work since early boyhood, and has acquired his property by assiduous labor and judicious economy.

Mr. Nowell was married September 13, 1861, to Gustie M. Rowlins, who was born in Epping, N.H., a daughter of William and Purney (Dane) Rowlins, both her parents being natives of Haverhill, Mass. Mr. Rowlins, who was a tailor by trade, also managed a farm in Epping; and both he and his wife died in that town. Mrs. Nowell has one surviving brother, William, an attorney in San Francisco, Cal. She is a woman of much executive ability and pleasing social qualities, and is identified with the United Order of the Golden Cross, the Pilgrim Fathers, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Woman's Relief Corps. Mr. Nowell votes the Republican ticket. Though not an office-seeker, he served efficiently at one time on the School Committee. He is well known throughout the town, and has the regard and esteem of all its citizens.

JOSEPH WEARE BROWN, a highly respected resident of Kensington, and a descendant of one of the first settlers of this town, was born upon the farm where he now resides, September 5, 1826, son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Weare) Brown. Five generations of the family have tilled the soil successfully upon the Brown homestead in Kensington; and they descended from the original settler in America, John Brown, who emigrated from England, and settled at Hampton in 1638. His son Jacob, who married Sarah Brookin, was the father of Jonathan Brown, the original owner of the Brown property. He was a pioneer settler of Kensington, and succeeded in establishing a comfortable home for himself and his family in the face of many difficulties. Jonathan Brown married Joanna Abba, and his children were: Jonathan, Abba, Joseph, Moses, Joanna, and Abigail. Joseph Brown, Mr. Brown's great-grandfather, was born in Kensington, May 3, 1741, and resided here until his death, June 19, 1817. He continued upon the farm the improvements inaugurated by his father, and further became prominent in public affairs, serving as Representative to the General Court and as a Selectman of the town. He was also a Captain in the Colonial militia. He and his wife, Anna, were the parents of thirteen children; namely, Moses, Jonathan, Joseph, Sewell, Nehemiah, Nathan, Stephen, William, John, Mary, Joanna, Rachel, and Anna.

Stephen Brown, the next in line, was born December 16, 1778. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead, on which he continued to reside until his death, which took place January 15, 1855. He was an active and industrious farmer. He supported the Whig party in politics, and was a Selectman of the town. He served with the rank of Captain in the War of 1812. In his religious views he was a Unitarian. He married Susan Bagley, of Salisbury, Mass.; and she became the mother of the following children: Joseph, born March 9, 1802; Amos, born March 11, 1803; Polly, February 18, 1806; Nancy, born in 1807; John, born December 25, 1811; Stephen, born February 4, 1817; Moses and Jonathan, twins, born July 13, 1818; and Susan R., born December 27, 1825. But two of these survive: Moses, who resides in Vineyard Haven, Mass.; and Stephen, who is a resident of Kensington. The mother died January 22, 1856.

Joseph Brown, father of Joseph Weare Brown, was born at the homestead in Kensington, March 9, 1802. Succeeding by inheritance to a portion of the ancestral estate, he carried on general farming during the active period of his life, and also figured prominently in public affairs. He served as a Selectman for four years, represented his town in the legislature for one term, and was a Captain in

the State militia. In politics he acted originally with the Whig party, but later became a Democrat. He died April 18, 1888. His wife, Mary Ann Weare Brown, who was born in Seabrook, August 10, 1807, became the mother of two children: Joseph W., the subject of this sketch; and Stephen A. The last-named, who was born April 12, 1829, married Harriett M. Day, who is no longer living. He died in 1856. Mr. Brown's mother died August 6, 1890. His parents were Congregationalists in their religious affiliations.

The following is a partial record of Mr. Brown's maternal ancestors: Nathaniel Weare, of Newbury, Mass., born in England in 1631, married December 3, 1656, Elizabeth Swayne. They removed to Hampton in 1662. He was Councillor more than twenty years. In 1694–95 he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and he was Justice of the Peace and Quorum throughout his business life. He died May 13, 1718. His son Nathaniel, born August 29, 1669, married Huldah Hussey, November 17, 1692. He was a Deacon, Justice of the Peace eight years, Justice of the Superior Court four years, and Representative two years. Nathaniel's son, John Weare, born November 12, 1696, married Deborah Taylor, December 6, 1720. His son, Deacon Jonathan, born June 28, 1724, married January 1, 1747, Sarah Lane, daughter of Deacon Joshua Lane. Deacon Jonathan died November 6, 1790, and Sarah, his wife, June 8, 1784. John Weare, son of Deacon Jonathan, born 1757, married Thankful Hubbard, December 14, 1780, and died in 1800. Thankful Hubbard was the daughter of Joseph Hubbard, of Salisbury, Mass., one of the Commoners. Joseph Hubbard Weare, son of John, born December 6, 1781, married October 21, 1804, Betsey Mitchell, daughter of Belah Mitchell, of South Hampton. She was born March 22, 1784, and died May 13, 1831. He died in 1822. Mary Ann, the daughter of Joseph H. and Betsy (Mitchell) Weare, born August 2, 1807, married Joseph Brown, November 25, 1825.

Joseph Weare Brown has resided at the ancestral homestead all his life, with the exception of three years. His education was acquired in the schools of Kensington and at the academy in Gorham, Me. He taught school for four terms during his early manhood. Aside from that he has given his attention principally to agriculture, though he has practised surveying to some extent, and has settled several estates. He is at the present time one of the largest farmers of this town. He still keeps the old estate in a high state of cultivation, and at one time he owned two hundred and forty acres of valuable land.

On April 21, 1851, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Sarah Blake Hilliard, who was born in Kensington, March 11, 1828, a daughter of Joseph Chase Hilliard.

Of his wife's ancestry the following is recorded: Emanuel and Elizabeth Hilliard were in Hampton October 10, 1657. Their son Timothy, born 1646, married Apphia Philbrick, December 3, 1674, and died August 17, 1723. Benjamin Hilliard, son of Timothy, born July 19, 1681, married April 3, 1706, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Chase. He died November 18, 1723. His son, Joseph Chase Hilliard, was born August 13, 1720. His son, Theophilus Hillard, married a Blake. Their son was Joseph Chase Hilliard, who married Sarah Hodgdon; and their daughter was Sarah Blake Brown. Sarah Hodgdon was the daughter of Hanson Hodgdon, a pensioner of the Revolutionary War, in which he saw much service.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Brown have had three children, as follows: Susan L., born January 14, 1852, is the wife of David Webster, of Haverhill, Mass.; Sarah Anna, born May 6, 1855, died May 27, 1859; and Mary Lizzie, born April 25, 1858, married Charles Edward Fish. Mrs. Fish and her husband reside with her father on the homestead. They have two children: Ralph Brown Fish, born December 3, 1884; and Josephine W. Fish, born March 3, 1888. Mrs. Brown died July 31, 1895. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Elisha Fish, the ancestor of Charles Edward Fish, came to Danby, Vt., in 1778, from Rhode Island. He was one of the earliest settlers in his part of the town. He married Elizabeth Wilbur. Their son, John Fish, married Abigail Moulton, and succeeded to the homestead

of his father. James, the son of John and Abigail Fish, married Eunice V. Read. He was a Mason, Postmaster, and also represented the town in the legislature in 1868. Charles Edward Fish, son of James and Eunice V., was born in Lockport, Ill., April 15, 1856. Timothy Read, father of Eunice V., came to Danby, Vt., in 1826, married Eunice Kelley, and died February 19, 1849. He was Selectman five years, Lister two years, Representative two years, and Justice of the Peace two years.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and has served capably as a Selectman for four years, besides filling other town offices. He has also acted as a Justice of the Peace for thirty-six years. He is highly respected and esteemed, both for his personal qualities and as a descendant of one of the first settlers of Kensington; and he occupies an honorable position among the prominent and well-to-do residents of the town.

GEORGE E. SEAVEY, an enterprising lumber manufacturer and dealer of Windham, and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Pelham, Hillsborough County, N.H., June 20, 1839, son of Benjamin and Sarah C. (Coburn) Seavey. Mr. Seavey's great-grandfather is supposed to have been a resident of Hudson, N.H., as his remains were interred in the cemetery at that place. Joseph Seavey, Mr. Seavey's grandfather, was a prominent citizen of Pelham, where he resided until his death.

Benjamin Seavey, father of George E., was born in Pelham. When a young man, he learned the wheelwright's trade, which he followed for some years. He subsequently engaged in the manufacture of lumber, removing from Pelham to Windham, where he continued to carry on a flourishing trade until his death, which took place in 1886. He was an able business man and a worthy, upright citizen, who won the confidence of all with whom he had dealings. In politics he acted with the Republican party. His wife, Sarah C. Coburn Seavey, was a native of Tyngsboro, Mass.

George E. Seavey accompanied his parents to Windham when he was twelve years old, and he completed his school education in this town. At an early age he began to assist his father in the lumber business; and, upon reaching his majority, he engaged in the same business upon his own account in the eastern part of the town. He later established himself at Windham Depot, where he has been located since. Commencing upon a limited scale, he advanced steadily, enlarging his facilities as his trade increased. He has been identified with the lumber interests of this section for the past thirty years. His ability in business matters has been of service to his fellow-townsmen and to the Republican party, which he actively supports; and he has discharged the duties of the various offices of public trust which he has been called upon to fill with credit to himself and benefit to his constituents. For three years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he represented the district for one term in the legislature during the session of 1883–84. He is now serving his eighth year as Supervisor.

Mr. Seavey wedded Mary B. Ballou, a native of Derry, N.H. He is connected with St. Mark's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Derry. A favorite in social circles, he has an extensive acquaintance beyond the limits of his own town and county.

JONATHAN P. SANBORN, a well-known carpenter and farmer of Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in this town, January 6, 1817. His parents were Moses D. and Abigail (Prescott) Sanborn. The father was a native of Dorchester, N.H., but came to Nottingham in early youth to learn blacksmithing with his uncle. He subsequently came to Epping, where he took unto himself a wife, and, returning to Dorchester, purchased there a farm. Not long afterward, however, he came back to Epping, and here spent the rest of his days, being prominently identified with farming interests for many years. Mr. Sanborn was a man of quiet tastes, devoted to his home and family. He died on October 11, 1860, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife, who was a native of this town, laid down the burden of life August 2, 1862, being then in her eightieth year.

Jonathan P. Sanborn obtained such education as the district schools of his boyhood days afforded. His parents being in straitened circumstances, he was obliged to care for himself at an early age. When sixteen years old, he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he subsequently worked for forty years, besides spending several years on a farm. He has now retired from active business. In politics he cast his first vote with the Liberty party, which he continued to support until slavery was abolished. In later years he has been affiliated with the Prohibitionists, though he is somewhat independent, and votes for whom he regards as the best candidate.

In 1841 Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage to Mary F. Rundlett, daughter of True W. Rundlett, of this town. Their union has been blessed by two sons: Charles W., a resident of this village; and Cyrus R., who is a business man in Concord, N.H. The mother died in 1895. Mr. Sanborn is in his eightieth year; but he is enjoying good health, and it may be hoped that his days of usefulness and honor will be lengthened.

HON. CAPTAIN JOHN SHELDON TREAT, a highly respected citizen of Portsmouth, N.H., is a descendant of John Treat, who came from England to this country in 1639, and settled in Wethersfield, Conn., being one of the founders of that town. His ancestors in Connecticut during the Colonial and Revolutionary period were all very prominent. Robert Treat, a representative of the second generation in this country, was for more than forty years Governor and Deputy Governor of Connecticut, holding the first-named office in 1687, at the time the charter of the colony was demanded by Sir Edmund Andros, in the name of King James II., and saved by being secreted in a hollow oak-tree, after a long discussion in the Assembly, in which he took a leading part. He was the Commander-in-chief of the forces of Connecticut in King Philip's War in 1675, and commanded at the Great Swamp fight in the following year, which brought the war to a termination by the death of Philip. John Treat, Captain Treat's great-grandfather, fought for the cause of American freedom all through the Revolutionary War, as did also two of his brothers.

Samuel Treat, the grandfather, was born in Middletown, Conn., November 29, 1788. He learned the stone-cutter's trade in that town, and in 1807 located in Portsmouth, soon afterward purchasing the stone business of Noah Smith, who was the successor of Daniel Marble, the founder of the enterprise. He conducted the business successfully until 1837, when he was succeeded by his son Allen. He died in Portsmouth, February 3, 1862. Allen Treat was born in Portsmouth, February 16, 1812. In 1837 he succeeded his father as manager of the business, which he successfully carried on till 1866, when he was succeeded by his son, John Sheldon Treat. He died in Portsmouth, December 31, 1875. He married Ann Elizabeth Ham, a native of Portsmouth, born in November, 1817, a daughter of William and Nancy (Green) Ham. Her father was a citizen of good repute, a carpenter by trade; and both he and his wife were lifelong residents of this city. Mrs. Allen Treat, who is still living, a resident of Portsmouth, and now in her seventy-ninth year, reared eight children — John Sheldon, Almenia B., Frederick W., Allen, Ann Elizabeth, Lydia E., James D., and Samuel Eldridge.

John Sheldon Treat, who is a representative of the eighth generation of the family in this country, was born in Portsmouth, N.H., August 14, 1837. He received a good education in the public schools of this city and at Phillips Exeter Academy. On leaving school, he learned the marble and stone cutter's trade at his father's establishment, and in 1855 went to Richmond, Va., where for some time he worked as a journeyman. He was subsequently engaged at his trade in other cities of the South; and in 1858 he located in Mobile, Ala., forming a partnership with R. Bruce and William R. Crow, under the firm name of Crow & Treat, and establishing marble yards both there and at Marion and Livingston, carrying on a good business until the breaking out of the war. During Mr. Treat's residence in the South he made many strong friendships, and with the enthusiasm of a

young man his sympathies were enlisted on the side of the Confederacy. In 1861 he enlisted in Company B, Second Battalion Alabama Light Artillery, and was with his battery in active service throughout the war, surrendering at the close at Demopolis, Ala. In the broken and devastated condition of the South, ruined by the scourge of war, there was little chance for present success in his business; and after a brief stay in New Orleans Mr. Treat returned to Portsmouth. In 1866 he purchased his father's interest, and has since been proprietor of the Portsmouth Marble and Granite Works. This establishment is one of the oldest of the kind in New England, having existed since 1768, and been controlled by one family for nearly ninety years. A capable and enterprising business man, Captain Treat occupies a prominent position among the marble and granite dealers of the East. On January 22, 1896, he was elected Vice-President of the Marble and Granite Dealers' Association of New England and the Provinces.

Captain Treat was married September 23, 1871, to Sarah Willard Odiorne, a daughter of Charles B. and Mary (Sheafe) Odiorne, of Rye, N.H. In politics Captain Treat is a Democrat, and has taken a prominent part in the councils of his party in New Hampshire. He was elected Senator for the sessions of 1881 and 1882. In 1882 he was elected Mayor of Portsmouth, and re-elected to that office in 1883. While Mayor, he received the Greely expedition on their return from the frozen North, besides taking a leading part in other public functions, including the last return of the Sons of Portsmouth and a grand Fireman's Muster. A strong advocate of temperance, Captain Treat was the first President of the Portsmouth Temperance Reform Club, which office he held one year, during which time two thousand six hundred signed the pledge, a great many of them hard drinkers. By virtue of his ancestral lineage Captain Treat has become a member of the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars in New Hampshire, and the Society of Descendants of Colonial Governors. He is besides a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Davenport Council, No. 3, R. & S. M., of New Hampshire; and De Witt Clinton Commandery.

EDWIN N. STICKNEY, a prosperous general merchant at Windham Junction, and for the past twenty-five years Postmaster of the Windham Depot office, was born in Derry, N.H., March 31, 1839, son of Jonathan and Dorcas S. (Gage) Stickney. His grandfather, also named Jonathan, was an early settler of Atkinson, N.H., and was an energetic farmer and worthy citizen of that town.

Jonathan Stickney, father of Edwin N., was a native of Atkinson, and was reared to farm life. In 1854 he moved to Windham, where he settled upon a good farm, and continued to till the soil during the rest of his active period. He was a Democrat in politics, no office-seeker, but a faithful supporter of his party. His death took place in 1888. He married Dorcas S. Gage, a native of Pelham, N.H.; and of the children born to this union three are now living, namely: Mary T., who is residing in Windham; Emily J., wife of O. A. Simpson, of Lowell, Mass.; and Edwin N.

Edwin N. Stickney was educated in the common schools. He accompanied his parents to Windham when he was about sixteen years old. He remained with his father upon the farm until reaching the age of nineteen, when he entered mercantile business as a clerk in the general store of John Woodbury in Pelham, where he continued until 1861. He then returned to Windham, and opened a store at Windham Junction. Commencing in a small way, he has steadily advanced in prosperity, developing his business to its present proportions by careful management and a close attention to every detail. He carries a large and varied stock of general merchandise, including boots and shoes, and is besides an extensive dealer in grain and fertilizers.

In politics Mr. Stickney acts with the Democratic party. He has held the position of Postmaster for twenty-five years continuously, giving general satisfaction. He is highly esteemed socially for his pleasing manners



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and genial disposition, and he is regarded as one of the most public-spirited men of the town. He is a Master Mason, and is connected with Rising Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Nashua, N.H.

AARON W. BROWN, one of the prominent business men of Raymond, and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, November 4, 1829, son of Jedediah and Martha (Robinson) Brown. The family of which Mr. Brown is a representative came originally from England, settling in Hampton, N.H. Mr. Brown's great-grandfather, Jedediah Brown, first, was a native of Hampton. In young manhood he acquired a tract of wild land in the town of Chester, near Raymond; and he there cleared and improved quite a large farm, upon which he passed the rest of his life, reaching an advanced age.

Levi Brown, Mr. Brown's grandfather, son of Jedediah, first, resided in Raymond upon the farm which is now owned by P. B. Cotson; and he was one of the prosperous agriculturists of his day. He died in 1848, at the age of nearly ninety years. He married Elizabeth Swain, of this town, whose brother served in the Revolutionary struggle. They reared six children, namely: Jedediah; Jonathan S.; Mary; Levi and Libby, twins; and John — all of whom have passed away.

Jedediah Brown, second, named for his grandfather, was born in Raymond. He learned the wheelwright's trade, and followed that calling during the active period of his life, occupying the same shop in which his son, Aaron W., is now carrying on business. He was the builder of the first four-wheeled wagon ever constructed in this town. He lived to reach the age of eighty-two years, and died in November, 1868. He was a sturdy, energetic man, and a useful citizen, who never aspired to prominence. In politics he supported the Democratic party. His wife, Martha Robinson, who was a native of Brentwood, N.H., became the mother of four children, of whom the survivors are: John R., a resident of Brockport, N.Y.; and Aaron W., the subject of this sketch.

Aaron W. Brown in his boyhood and youth attended the common schools of Raymond and Kingston Academy. When his studies were completed, he began work as an apprentice in his father's shop, learning the wheelwright's trade, including carriage painting. This business he has followed successfully to the present time, and is widely and favorably known throughout this section as a reliable carriage-builder and an able business man. He occupies the old homestead farm of fifty acres, which he cultivates with profitable results; and he is classed as one of the most progressive and industrious residents of this town.

In September, 1851, Mr. Brown married Mary L. Fogg, a native of Readfield, Me. Of the three children born of this union two are living, namely: Abbie, widow of Rufus H. Poor, late of Fremont, N.H.; and John B., a school-teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Brown attend the Congregational church.

Politically, he is a Democrat, being one of the leading supporters of that party in this town, and has filled with ability various responsible offices of public trust. During the years 1868-71 he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and is now a member of that body. He was upon one occasion appointed to fill out the unexpired term of a chairman who died while in office, and he served as Supervisor of the check list for two years.

Fraternally, Mr. Brown is connected with Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, and is a charter member of Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raymond, in which he has occupied all of the important chairs.

ROBERT ROGERS, of East Derry, a farmer and a dealer in live stock, was born in Bristol, N.H., November 11, 1828, son of Robert and Sarah (Lane) Rogers. He is a descendant of one of the early settlers and pioneers of that section of the State. His great-grandfather, Major Robert Rogers, a native of Nutfield, this county, who was a Captain of a company of rangers on the American side in the French and Indian War, in which he served seven years, afterward died in England. The

Major's son, Arthur, became a well-known attorney-at-law of Concord, N.H.

Robert Rogers, Sr., a son of Arthur, resided for a considerable number of years in the State of Massachusetts, but made his home during the greater portion of his life in this State. He was for several years engaged in the stone-cutting business in the locality now called Rockport, Mass. He was twice married. His first wife was Abbie (Call) Rogers, a native of this State. She died; and about the year 1826 he contracted his second marriage with Miss Sarah Lane, of Cape Ann, Mass. Of his children by both marriages the survivors are: Lucy, Robert, Abigail, James, Ezra, and Eliza J. Lucy resides in Baltimore, Md., and is the wife of Nathan Hipsley; Abigail C. is now the widow of the late George Moore, of Derry, N.H.; and Eliza J. is the wife of Octavius DeVries, of Maryland. Mr. Rogers was in a large sense a self-made man, what he became in personal character and what he acquired of fortune being principally due to the exercise of his own native powers. At first a Whig in politics, he subsequently became a Republican. He was in fellowship with the First Church of Derry, being fully in accord with the faith of that denomination. His death occurred in 1880 at Derry, where he had resided very many years, respected by his neighbors.

Robert Rogers was only a small lad when he removed with his parents from Gloucester, Mass., to Derry. He received his education in the district schools of that locality. Since then he has kept abreast with the times by extensive reading and keen observation, so rendering himself "well educated" in a large and practical sense. In his earlier manhood Mr. Rogers was employed for a number of years as a clerk in C. C. Parker's store at East Derry; but by far the greater part of his life has been spent in general agriculture and live-stock dealing.

On November 26, 1863, Mr. Rogers was joined in matrimony with Miss Rosetta Wason, a native of Chester, N.H., and a daughter of John and Mehitable D. (Hoyt) Wason. Mr. Wason, also a native of Chester, and a son of James Wason, up to the day of his decease possessed and occupied the estate owned by the family for five generations, descended from its Scotch-Irish founders. Captain Worthen, who was the father of Mrs. Rogers's paternal grandmother, served his country in the War of Independence; and on the side of Mrs. Rogers's mother several of the Hoyts were officers in the same struggle. John Wason, the father of Mrs. Rogers, in addition to general farming also carried on an extensive business in the manufacture and sale of lumber. Of his children two survive, namely: Rosetta, now Mrs. Robert Rogers; and Angelia, who is the wife of E. Freeman Gerrish, a resident of Deerfield, N.H. In politics Mr. Wason was successively a Whig and a Republican. He was essentially a self-made man, enterprising and successful in his mercantile career, and public-spirited and progressive as a citizen. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rogers, September 28, 1881, in his seventy-second year. Mrs. Wason died there May 9, 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two children, namely: Fannie I., who resides at the paternal home; and Henrietta W., who is principal assistant in the public schools of Winthrop, Mass. Mr. Rogers's political principles take him into association with the Republican party. He attends and contributes liberally to the support of the First Church at East Derry, of which Mrs. Rogers is a member. The family take an active interest and participate freely in the social events of East Derry, and their home has been the scene of many pleasant and attractive gatherings.

THOMAS B. ROBINSON, of New Market, whose beautiful farm on the Exeter River will well repay a visit, was born here, December 25, 1843, son of John J. and Mary J. (Brackett) Robinson. He is of the ninth generation of the Robinsons in New England. The first was represented by John Robinson, who settled in Haverhill, Mass., in 1640, and was killed by the Indians in this county between Exeter and Hampton in 1675. His wife, Elizabeth, bore him a son named Jonathan, who was the direct ancestor of Thomas B. Robinson. Jonathan, born in Haverhill about 1640, was a farmer, resided

in Exeter for a number of years, and died there after 1716. His wife, Sarah, was the mother of eight children. Of these James Robinson, who was a farmer of Stratham, N.H., married and reared nine children. His son, Jonathan Robinson, born in Stratham, February 13, 1721, was of the fourth generation. The fifth was represented by another Jonathan, born in the same place, October 22, 1741. He served as a Colonel at Bunker Hill, and subsequently acted a patriot's part in the ensuing war. His death occurred about the year 1800. His wife, Abigail (Folsom) Robinson, was the mother of twelve children. Of these Shadrach Robinson, born in Stratham in February, 1763, was a farmer of Greenland, this county, where he died November 14, 1839. He married Mrs. Martha Brackett, a widow, who died December 5, 1841. This couple were the parents of seven children, among whom was George Robinson, the grandfather of Thomas B.

George Robinson was born in Greenland, August 24, 1790. He was a farmer, and was the first of the family to settle in New Market, where in 1820 he located on the farm now occupied by his grandson. Prospering in his calling, he was in good circumstances. A Democrat in politics, he took an active interest in local affairs, and served as Selectman and in other official capacities. Though not a church member, he contributed liberally toward the support of the Methodist Episcopal church. He died in August, 1870, eighty years old. On March 24, 1818, he was married to Deborah Jewett, of Stratham, who died in 1821. Her children were: John J., who was born November 1, 1818; and Martha, now deceased, who was born March 19, 1820. George Robinson entered a second marriage, contracted with Betsey Watson, who was born April 24, 1787, and died April 7, 1862. Her children were: George D. W., born April 15, 1827, who is now living in South New Market; and Elizabeth A., born in December, 1829, who died February 10, 1831.

John J. Robinson, a native of Hampton, grew to manhood on the home farm in New Market, where he is still living. He was for many years actively engaged in general farming, in which he was very successful, and was tender of the drawbridge on the Exeter River. He is a stanch Democrat, and has served as Selectman of the town and as Representative to the State legislature. In religious matters he is liberal. On May 26, 1842, he was married to Mary J. Brackett, a native of New Market, who died August 15, 1872, aged about fifty-seven years. She made him the father of six children, namely: Adoniram J., born in 1845, who died that year; Charles M., born in April, 1852, who died November 3, 1861; Thomas B., the subject of this sketch; John A., born July 3, 1846, who is unmarried, and lives with his brother, Thomas B. being associated with him as general farmer, florist, etc.; George E., born May 30, 1848, a produce dealer in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, who married Miss Mary Wilcox in June, 1872, and has three children — Maud, G. Edwin, and Orton B.; and Kate E., born June 28, 1850, who was married to John H. Knight, of New Market, in 1883, and has one son, Fred W., born June 17, 1885.

Thomas B. Robinson acquired his education in the schools near his home. As a general farmer, he has achieved remarkable success. Nothing is allowed to go to waste on his farm. He has extensive piggeries. He is engaged in fish culture; and, as a florist and nurseryman, he has a large business. He has succeeded his father as tender of the drawbridge. To his house, which was built in 1792, additions have been made from time to time, including the latest modern improvements. The other buildings are substantial, and well fitted with all necessary equipments. He has water power on the estate and pipe water in the house and barns. In winter the residence is heated by steam.

On January 6, 1874, Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Ella C. Roach, who was born in Holderness, N.H., July 20, 1852. He has now one son, Charles Edwin, who was born in New Market village, October 3, 1876. This son is a close student. He has given much attention to genealogy, and is at present studying electricity. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, is prominent in local affairs, and has served the town as Selectman. He belongs to the order of the Knights of Honor, and is very popular in society.

GEORGE W. PINGREE, a successful farmer of Auburn, was born June 11, 1850, son of Jacob and Emeline W. (Weeks) Pingree. The founder of the branch of the Pingree family from which George W. Pingree is descended came to this country from England, and settled in Rowley, Mass. Stephen Pingree, a native of Fitchburg, Mass., and the great-grandfather of George W., moved from Fitchburg to Grafton County of this State, residing successively in Littleton, Groton, and Franconia. He first married a Miss Sanderson, who by him became the mother of seven children, all now deceased. He entered a second marriage, contracted with a Mrs. Burke, the sister of his first wife. No children were born of this union. The family attended the Unitarian church. Stephen Pingree (second), the grandfather of George W., lived for some time in Littleton, Mass., and from there moved to Auburn, where he resided for ten or more years. He finally went to Loudon, N.H., where he remained until his death. He was united in marriage to Miss Betsy Kelly, and twelve children were born to them. Six of the number are now living, namely: Jacob, the father of George W.; Nathan, who lives in Rochester, N.H.; William E., residing in Lawrence, Mass.; Hepsibeth D., the wife of S. M. McDuffee; Daniel W., also of Lawrence; Harriet N., the wife of Sidney Brown, of Hartland, Vt. Those who died were: William, Mary A., Susan E., Hannah B., Susan W., and Hannah E. The father, who was an active Christian and a prominent man in the Methodist church, died April 3, 1866, aged seventy-nine years and seven months.

Jacob Pingree, the second of his many brothers and sisters, was a native of Littleton, Mass., born July 8, 1814. He came to Auburn in the year 1826, and has resided in the same house in this place ever since. In his early life he was a shoemaker by trade, but afterward became a lumber dealer, pursuing the latter business in connection with farming. He was joined in wedlock to Miss Emeline W. Weeks, a native of Chester, N.H. Of their five children three are still living, namely: Mary F., who married Charles Newton, of Rochester, Vt.; Lucy M., the wife of Moses Duston, of Manchester, N.H.; and George W., the subject of this sketch. Ellen M. passed from life in May of 1885; and Charles W. gave his life for his country in the Civil War, July 30, 1864. Mr. Jacob Pingree has led a quiet life, caring little for the notoriety of public offices. He is a member of the Congregational church, and has always been a Democrat in his political faith. He has attained the advanced age of eighty-two years.

George W. Pingree was educated in the common schools of Auburn and at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. After leaving school, he followed the trade of carpenter in various places, acquiring a reputation for conscientious and skilful work. The school buildings in District No. 4 of Auburn, and the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Davis, are excellent specimens of his skill as a builder. He has been a very busy man ever since he entered the arena of active employment, plying his trade during the summer seasons and working on his farm throughout the winter months. He lives at the old homestead where he was born. On August 27, 1872, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Julia A. Heath, of Auburn. Both of the children born of this union are still living to gladden the lives of their parents. They are: Etta A., who has not left the home nest; and Ella M., the wife of George G. Davis, of Auburn. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one child, Gertrude Elsie, a baby of four weeks, who is the autocrat of the family. George W. Pingree does not belong to any secret society or order. He has held the office of Supervisor of the check list for four years, and has also been Moderator for two years. He has joined the Democratic party, and is a member of the Congregational church.

EZRA E. ROGERS, an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist, and a representative citizen of Derry, was born in Derry, September 15, 1837, son of Robert and Sarah (Lane) Rogers. Of Scotch-Irish extraction, he is a descendant of one of the early settlers of New Hampshire. His great-grandfather was Robert Rogers, who served in the English army during the French and Ind-

ian War. One of Robert's sons was Arthur Rogers, who was a well-known attorney-at-law of Concord, N.H.

Robert Rogers, son of Arthur, and the father of Ezra E., was born in Rockingham, N.H., and grew to manhood in Concord, N.H. For a number of years in the earlier part of his life he engaged in stone-cutting at Rockport, Mass.; but in about 1835 he made a permanent settlement in Derry, purchasing and fixing his residence on the farm which his son, the subject of this sketch, now occupies. He was one of the first persons to reclaim and to cultivate the land of that locality. He served in the War of 1812, being stationed at the important post of Portsmouth, N.H. Robert Rogers was twice married, on the first occasion to Abigail Call, of Bristol, N.H. Their union was blessed in the birth of two children — Lucy and Robert. Robert is now deceased. The mother died; and the father made his second marriage with Miss Sarah Lane, a native of Cape Ann, Mass. They had seven children; namely, Robert, Abigail, Sarah (now deceased), James, George (also deceased), Ezra E., and Eliza J. The father was in a true sense a self-educated and a self-made man. He was public-spirited, and was an earnest advocate and a vigorous promoter of the public-school system. In politics he was successively a Whig and a Republican. He was in fellowship with the First Church of Derry, to the support of which he was a liberal contributor. He was widely and favorably known; and his decease in October, 1878, was felt as a loss by the community.

Ezra E. Rogers grew to maturity on the paternal estate, obtaining his education in the district schools of Derry and in Chester Academy. Besides the homestead, which contains one hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, he also owns a farm of eighty-six acres, likewise situated in the town of Derry. On both he has carried on general farming with much success; while he has resided all his lifetime on the home farm, which is situated in the north-eastern section of the town.

On April 21, 1880, he was joined in marriage with Miss Julia A. Sanborn, a native of Chester, this county, and a daughter of the late Ebenezer Sanborn, a former resident of that town. He has since become the father of one child, Mabel D. Mr. Rogers has participated freely in the civic and social affairs of the community, and during the period of his citizenship he has witnessed many changes and advancements in the social fabric. He is an earnest promoter of any judicious plan that looks to the development of the material and civil interests of the town, and he is an especially vigorous advocate of the common schools. In national politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He attends and liberally supports the First Church of East Derry.

HON. AMOS C. CHASE, who is spending the closing years of his busy life in retirement at his beautiful home in Kingston, N.H., has been for many years a potent factor of the manufacturing and political interests of Rockingham County. He has been a lifelong resident of this village, the date of his birth being March 10, 1833. He comes of substantial English stock, represented in this country at an early period of its history by three emigrants, namely: William, who settled at Yarmouth; and Thomas and Aquila, brothers, who settled at Hampton, N.H., in 1639. Aquila Chase a few years later removed to Newbury, Mass.

Charles Chase, the paternal grandfather of Amos C. Chase, was born and reared in the town of Seabrook, Rockingham County, N.H., with his brothers and sisters. As the years passed, the children of the household became scattered, Charles removing to the town of Kingston, where he worked at the hatter's trade.

His son Amos, father of Amos C. Chase, was born in the village of Kingston, where he spent his life, dying December 29, 1873. He early learned the trade of a carriage maker, in which he was successfully engaged much of his time, his manufactures finding a ready sale. He became owner of a farm, which he managed in addition to his carriage business. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah P. Hook, survived him several years, dying May 23, 1888. They reared a family of six children, all of whom are living to-day,

namely: William H., a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Lawrence County, South Dakota, who married Miss Sarah Simpson; Josiah H., who married Miss Helen Rankin, and is engaged in the clothing business at Minneapolis, Minn.; the Hon. Amos C.; Sarah E., the wife of Stephen F. Nichols, a wealthy citizen, living in Kingston village; Isaac H., a wealthy and influential citizen of Rapid City, So. Dak., who married Miss Newry Gilman, and who is the proprietor of six dry-goods stores within a radius of fifty miles; and Mary S., the wife of James M. Philbrick, a well-known farmer of Kingston.

Amos C. Chase received his education in the Kingston schools, finishing at the old academy, of which he is now Trustee, having filled that office for twenty-three consecutive years. At an early age he began learning the carriage-maker's trade; and, having become proficient in every branch thereof, he started in business for himself. He opened a factory near his present home, where he was born and bred; and from that time until 1888, when he retired from active pursuits, he manufactured carriages for the wholesale trade, building up a large and lucrative business. He has the reputation of being upright in his business dealings; and, though he has met with reverses, his prosperous ventures have far outnumbered his failures. A part of his real estate includes several houses in the town of Kingston.

Mr. Chase is a strong member of the Republican party, having joined its ranks at its formation, and has ever taken an important part in town, county, and State affairs. In 1877 he served as a Representative in the New Hampshire legislature; and in 1881 he was elected State Senator for two years, receiving a handsome majority of the votes cast. In 1883 and 1884 he was a member of Governor Hale's Council. Mr. Chase has been among the foremost in promoting the educational interests of the town, and is at the present time Treasurer and one of the Board of Trustees of Sanborn Seminary of Kingston, an institution of which the citizens of Rockingham County are justly proud.

This school was established in 1883, receiving its name from its benefactor, Major Edward S. Sanborn, whose liberal generosity made its superior equipment in each department possible. Its aim is to prepare young people of both sexes for colleges and scientific schools, and to furnish a literary and business training for young men and women who are here to complete their studies. Besides the preparatory course of one year, to the admission of which no examination is required, Sanborn Seminary offers a thorough English course, or a classical course, of four years, the former fitting its students for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other scientific schools, and the latter preparing them for the best colleges of our land, to many of which they are admitted without further examination. In the departments of physics, chemistry, and biology the laboratories are finely equipped, the necessary apparatus in each being complete, experiments and analysis supplementing the text-book work and demonstrations. Too much cannot be said in praise of this institution, and of the indefatigable work of the Trustees and instructors of Sanborn Seminary in their efforts to place it among the leading educational institutions of New England.

Mr. Chase has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was married September 29, 1858, was Miss Hattie E. Draper, who was born in Oberlin, Ohio, a daughter of the Rev. Lorenzo Draper. Mr. Draper was a preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was located for two years in Kingston. Mrs. Hattie E. Draper Chase died December 2, 1862, leaving two children — Alma F. and Clara N. Alma F. is the wife of Charles M. Currier, a commercial salesman, travelling for a Boston shoe firm. Clara N., who now lives with her father, is the widow of the late John Monroe Sanborn, a graduate of the Boston Dental College, and a very popular and highly respected young man, a native of East Kingston. His death occurred in Kingston, 1887. Mr. Chase was again married May 3, 1866, to Miss Emily A. Belden, a native of East Haven, Vt. Her father, the late Haines C. Belden, was formerly a well-known attorney of Caledonia County, Vermont. Mr. Chase's second wife died July 4, 1890, leaving four children, all of whom live at home, namely:

Charles A., a book-keeper in Haverhill, Mass.; Hattie E., a teacher; Harry B.; and Howard. Socially, Mr. Chase is a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, A. F. & A. M., of Kingston.

HON. MARCELLUS BUFFORD, for many years one of Portsmouth's best known and most highly esteemed citizens, quietly passed to the life beyond April 19, 1894, at his residence on Richards Avenue, his death being a loss not only to his immediate family and friends, but to the entire city. To him are the words of the poet Bryant truly applicable:

"His youth was innocent; his riper age
Marked with some acts of goodness every day;
And, watched by eyes that loved him, calm and sage,
Faded his late declining years away.
Cheerful he gave his being up, and went
To share the holy rest that waits a life well spent."

Mr. Bufford was born November 4, 1817, in the town of Portsmouth on Summer Street, in the house which his father, Henry Bufford, had erected in 1806. He completed his education in the Portsmouth High School, from which he was graduated when fifteen years old. He then entered the printing-office of Henry B. Brewster, with whom he remained two years, or until the failure of his employer. Going then to Boston, he was first employed in the printing establishment of Tuttle, Weeks & Dennett, three men from his native city; and he afterward worked for Dutton & Wentworth on Exchange Street and for Crocker & Brewster on Cornhill. From the "Hub" he went to Worcester, where he spent three months on the catalogue of the Antiquarian Society. Returning to Portsmouth when he was about twenty-one years of age, Mr. Bufford began work with his father, who was engaged in the business of sign and carriage painting, his shop being located on Chestnut Street. This business was not congenial; but, as his health imperatively demanded some labor that should keep him in the free outdoor air, he followed it industriously and faithfully for some years.

Mr. Bufford, who was a zealous Whig in his earlier years, and later an earnest Republican, early became closely identified with the highest and best interests of his native town. His superior business qualifications, his integrity, and his fidelity were recognized by his fellow-citizens, who placed him in various offices of trust and responsibility. In 1849 he represented his district in the State legislature. In 1856 he was elected Senator from the First District, and in 1860 he served the city as an Alderman. In 1863 Governor Goodwin appointed him Associate Justice of the Portsmouth Municipal Court, a position which he filled to the utmost satisfaction of all concerned, and with high credit to himself until the closing months of 1893, when on account of failing health he tendered his resignation. He was connected with the fire department for some time, and in 1854 he held the office of Chief Engineer. From 1862 until 1874 he was City Clerk, and during this long incumbency of the office acquired such a comprehensive knowledge of municipal affairs as to render his aid of inestimable value to the civic officials, who often sought of him information and counsel.

Judge Bufford was a member of the New Hampshire Lodge of Odd Fellows, being for some years active in its councils; and he was one of the Trustees of the Mechanics' Association and of the Portsmouth Savings Bank. He was a man of eminent piety, a faithful member of the First Parish Church of Portsmouth; and his daily life was the outward manifestation of the principles which he cherished.

Judge Bufford was twice married. His first wife, Sarah E. Neal, whom he wedded on October 24, 1844, bore him four children, one son and three daughters. One daughter died in infancy, and the son when but seven years old. Virginia and Ellen Walker, the remaining children, reside in San Francisco, the elder daughter being the wife of Samuel F. Bufford, and the mother of three children. On June 29, 1873, some time after the death of his first wife, Judge Bufford was united in marriage with Mrs. Persis L. Shackley, widow of the late Augustus Shackley. Her first husband died in this city in 1866, leaving her with one son, Frank I. Shackley, who is now in the retail shoe business at Foxboro, Mass.

Mrs. Bufford was born in Newburyport, Mass., being a daughter of Samuel Loud.

She was educated in the private school of Miss Bagley, a noted teacher. Her father was twice married, both wives being daughters of Lemuel Coffin, of Newburyport. His first wife, Rachel C., died without issue. His second wife, Sarah, bore him eight children, five of whom grew to maturity; namely, Sarah, Rachel Coffin, Persis (Mrs. Bufford), Abel Coffin, and Lemuel Coffin.

The Coffin family, from whom through her mother Mrs. Bufford is descended, is an old and prominent one in the annals of New England. Among its representatives in former years were two brothers, Samuel and Lemuel Coffin, of Newbury, Mass. The former was a seafaring man, and accumulated considerable wealth, becoming the owner of a wharf, warehouses, and distilleries. He died in 1815, at an advanced age. Lemuel was a shoemaker, and served four years in the Revolutionary War, being one of Washington's body guard. He resumed his trade after returning from the war, continuing actively engaged for twenty-one years. He had two sons, Joseph and Abel, both of whom became sea captains. Abel won fame by bringing the Siamese twins to this country, and having control of them until they became of age. He died more than a half century ago at St. Helena, while on the return trip from his twenty-fourth voyage to the East Indies. Lemuel Coffin, Mrs. Bufford's grandfather, was born in 1756, and married in 1780 Catherine Crebbell, who was born in 1760. They had ten children, Sarah, who married Samuel Loud, and became the mother of Mrs. Bufford, being the youngest child. She was born November 16, 1802, and died April 22, 1878.

MOSES F. EMERSON, a prominent resident of Candia, N.H., Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the town, was born upon the farm where he now resides, November 15, 1832, son of the Hon. Abraham and Abigail (Dolber) Emerson.

The founder of this branch of the family in America was Michael Emerson, who settled in Haverhill, Mass., in 1656, and in 1661 received a grant of land in that town. He seems to have been a man of considerable prominence in business affairs, and it is recorded that in 1665 he was chosen to view and seal all leather manufactured in the town. On April 1, 1657, he married Hannah Webster, who bore him fifteen children. Hannah, their first-born, who married Thomas Dustin, December 3, 1677, was the heroine of an exploit which occupies a prominent place in local history. She, in company with Mary Neff and a young man named Lennardson, were made captives by the Indians, and carried to the confluence of the Merrimack and Contoocook Rivers, where the prisoners succeeded in killing their captors, and, taking the canoe, returned to Haverhill in safety. This incident is commemorated by a monument which marks the spot where the fight for freedom is supposed to have occurred.

Jonathan Emerson, son of Michael, was one of the original grantees of the town of Chester, N.H. When the principal boundary line was established in 1741, his land was included within the limits of Haverhill, Mass. He commanded the garrison there, which was attacked unsuccessfully by the savages in 1701; and in 1705 he, with others, was given the privilege of establishing a grist-mill. His son Samuel, the next in line, was born in 1707. He became a resident of Chester, N.H., where he was a citizen of prominence, holding the office of Town Clerk from 1731 to 1787, being the first Justice of the Peace and one of the Selectmen, a man of sterling integrity and sound judgment. His first wife was Sarah Ayer, and his second Dorothy Sanborn.

Moses Emerson, son of Samuel and Dorothy Emerson, was born in 1755, and early in life settled in Candia, N.H. He left his farm to serve in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, participating in the battle of Bennington; and after his discharge from the service he returned to Candia, where he continued to reside until his death, which took place at the age of eighty-five years. Colonel Nathaniel Emerson, his elder half-brother, was prominent in both civil and military affairs. At the commencement of the Revolutionary War he conducted a company of volunteers from Chester and Candia through the

wilderness to Bennington, Vt., to re-enforce the American troops; and he figured officially in the memorable engagement there. He served in the Continental army as Lieutenant Colonel, and was Representative from his district for the years 1790, 1792, 1794, and 1796. He died April 30, 1825. Grandfather Moses Emerson was twice married, his first wife being Lydia Sargent. His second wife, formerly Lydia Fitts, of Candia, bore him nine children: Moses, Jonathan, John, Abraham, Thomas, Lydia, Sarah, Dorothy, and Susanna.

Abraham Emerson, son of Moses, was born September 14, 1800, in Candia. Acquiring a good education, he taught school for some time during young manhood. He succeeded eventually to the ownership of the homestead farm, which he carried on with energy and success throughout the active period of his life. He died October 7, 1891, aged about ninety-one years. In public affairs of both town and State he secured a high reputation as an honorable and exceedingly able official, having served as Town Clerk for five years, as a Justice of the Peace for many years, and in 1846 as a member of the State Senate, where he took an active part in the struggle which led to the election of John P. Hale to the United States Senate. He was originally a Democrat in politics; but during the early agitation of the slave question he joined the Free Soil party, being chosen a delegate to the National Convention held in Buffalo in 1848, and he later supported the Republican party. In educational matters he displayed a lively interest, rendering much valuable aid in improving the school system of the State; and he was prominent in the State militia as Lieutenant Colonel of the Seventh Regiment. When a young man, he united with the Congregational church, remaining one of its most earnest supporters for the rest of his life. The Hon. Abraham Emerson married Abigail Dolber, a native of Candia, where the name was formerly spelled Dolby. They became the parents of nine children, six of whom are living, namely: the Rev. John D., of Biddeford, Me.; Daniel F., of Manchester, N.H.; Moses F., the subject of this sketch; Luther W., a resident of New York City; Sarah W., wife of Deacon Edmund Hill, of Candia; and Lydia, wife of Jesse W. Sargent, of this town.

Moses F. Emerson attended the common schools of Candia in his early years, and later supplemented his early studies with a course at the Pembroke Academy. For ten years he was engaged as a teacher in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, a portion of the time presiding over schools in Gloucester, Mass., and his native town, his summers being spent in farming at the homestead. He finally relinquished educational pursuits for agriculture, which he has since continued to follow. His landed estate consists of two hundred and eighty acres, one hundred acres of which are woodland, one hundred and twenty being devoted to pasturing, and the rest used for tillage. He cuts about forty tons of hay annually, winters an average of twenty head of cattle, and as an intelligent, progressive, and well-to-do farmer he takes a foremost rank among the citizens of this town.

In politics he supports the Republican party, and his fellow-townsmen have long availed themselves of his valuable services in local public affairs. During the Civil War he was first elected a member of the Board of Selectmen, becoming Chairman thereof in the days when that official was also Town Treasurer, and handling the financial affairs of the town with ability and faithfulness. He has also served upon the School Board, was for some years Collector of Taxes, is the oldest Justice of the Peace in town, having acted in that capacity for over thirty-eight years, his commission being dated June 25, 1858; and his present connection with the Board of Selectmen has extended over a period of six years, five years of which he has presided as Chairman. He has attended to a great deal of probate business, having settled the estate left by the late Cyrus Prescott, who willed one thousand dollars to the town; and he also administered the estate of the late Benjamin P. Colby, the residue of which, amounting to more than one thousand dollars, was paid over to the New Hampshire Conference, according to the direction of the testator.

On December 16, 1857, Mr. Emerson was united in marriage with Abbie Patten, daughter of Deacon Francis Patten, of Candia. Of

the seven children born to them six are living, namely: Francis P., a well-known physician of Roxbury, now a part of Boston, Mass.; Abraham F., a prominent resident of Manchester, N.H., and a Trustee of the Water Board of that city; Nellie M., who lives in Concord, N.H.; Annie S., who resides in Haverhill, Mass.; William R. P., who is pursuing the study of medicine at Harvard University; and Nat W., now a student of Dartmouth College.

Mr. Emerson is connected with Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., in which he has occupied the principal chairs, and the Order of the Eastern Star. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist, and has for many years been connected with that church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DEARBORN is one of the oldest citizens of Exeter, N.H. He lives in the oldest house standing in that historic city, a house which bears the distinction of having received as a guest on November 4, 1789, President Washington, who took a late breakfast there after riding up from Portsmouth. Mr. Dearborn was born on October 22, 1815. His parents were Freese and Mary (Drake) Dearborn, both natives of New Hampshire. The founder of the family in America was Godfrey Dearborn, who came from Exeter, England, about 1632, and, sailing up the river in a small boat, made a clearing in the wilderness, which then covered the site of the present city of Exeter. Here he lived six or seven years, and then moved to Hampton, Rockingham County, where many of his posterity were born. One of his descendants was General Henry Dearborn, of Nottingham, N.H., who was Captain, in command of a company on the right at the battle of Bunker Hill, under General (then Colonel) John Stark, went with Arnold to Quebec in 1775, served in the campaign which ended in the capture of Burgoyne, and was appointed Commander-in-chief of the American army at the beginning of the War of 1812.

Josiah Dearborn, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Hampton in 1738. A farmer of limited means, he spent his life in his native town, dying there September 15, 1814. His wife, who was born in 1737, lived to be ninety years of age. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom, a son and two daughters, died in childhood. Those who attained maturity were: John, born in 1758, who died at the age of twenty-one; Joseph, born in 1761, who died in 1832; Josiah, Jr., who was born in 1764, and died in 1832; Sarah, who was born in 1767, and died at the age of twenty-four; Samuel, second, who died in 1797, at the age of twenty-four; Freese, already mentioned, who was the ninth child and youngest son; and Anna, who was born in 1780, and died in 1855.

Freese Dearborn was born in Hampton, N.H., March 25, 1778. He was a man of intelligence and much force of character, and was a public servant for thirty years, holding office as Deputy Sheriff and as jailer. He died April 5, 1862. In 1800 he was married to Mary Drake, of Northampton, N.H., daughter of Abraham and Mary Drake. Her family also was of English origin, and her ancestors settled in New Hampshire in Colonial times. She had three brothers — Samuel, Abraham and Francis — and four sisters. Her own children were eight in number, namely: Sally, who lived to be ninety-one years of age, dying in Northampton in 1891; Abraham, a physician, who died in Malden, Mass., in 1871, at the age of sixty-nine; Josiah, who died in 1852, at the age of forty-six; Freeman, who died in childhood; Samuel Francis, who died in 1888, in his seventy-ninth year; George Washington, the subject of this sketch; and his twin brother, John Adams, who died in Colorado in 1890, at the age of seventy-five; and Mary, who died in 1862, at the age of forty-two.

George Washington Dearborn was a student at Phillips Exeter Academy when it was under the kindly rule of Dr. Abbot. After leaving school, he engaged in trade, and as a merchant was fairly successful. He has always been something of an antiquary, and, as his life has been almost as long as that of the century, a visit to his house is a source of much interest; for, besides having in his possession numerous relics of other times, Mr. Dearborn's memory

is stored with facts which came under his personal observation that have now become matters of history. A portion of his present residence was built in 1783.

Mr. Dearborn was married in 1841 to Nancy Vesey, of Stratham, Rockingham County, N.H., who was born in 1814, and died in 1881. One child born to them died in infancy. Though so advanced in years, Mr. Dearborn is comparatively active, physically as well as mentally. In politics he is a Democrat, in religious belief a Spiritualist,

"Sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust."

CHARLES R. BROWN, of Deerfield, N.H., who is extensively engaged in general farming, was born on the family homestead in Deerfield, which forms part of his property, October 21, 1860. The son of Benjamin Stuart and Ann E. (Evans) Brown, he is connected with some of the oldest families in the State of New Hampshire. His first ancestor here was John Brown, who came from Norfolk, England, and settled in Hampton in 1638. From him the line is traced through Thomas, Thomas (second), Benjamin, Enoch, and Enoch, Jr., to Benjamin, the father of Benjamin Stuart Brown.

Benjamin Brown was born in 1784 on the farm acquired by his father, Enoch, Jr., in Deerfield. He died in July, 1866. He married Mrs. Nancy (Evans) Brown, and they reared two children: George F., of Madison, Wis.; and Benjamin Stuart, who was the father of Charles K. Brown.

Benjamin Stuart Brown was born in 1828 on the homestead in Deerfield, and spent his life there, succeeding his father as owner. He was a man of character, standing high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. A prominent Republican, he represented the town during two sessions of the legislature, and was Selectman for a number of years. Mr. Brown attended the Congregational church. He died in August, 1887. In 1854 he was united in marriage with Ann E., daughter of Robert and Sarah (Goss) Evans, of Allentown, N.H. Mrs. Brown is yet living, as are her three children — Grace (Mrs. Edgar B. Evans), of Boston; Benjamin Stuart, Jr., who married Susie P. French, daughter of John C. French, of Manchester, N.H., and now resides in Omaha, Neb.; and Charles R., the subject of this sketch.

Charles R. Brown received a good education, attending the public schools of Deerfield, and taking an advanced course of study at Pembroke and Tilton Academies. He was in trade for five years, and with that exception has devoted his time and attention to general farming, in which he has been very successful. Owning six hundred and forty acres of land, he conducts his agricultural operations on a large scale, being one of the leading farmers of the county.

Mr. Brown was married in 1883 to Edith, daughter of Dr. George H. Towle, of Deerfield. Two children have been born to them: Charles R., who lived but five years; and Grace E., who still brightens his home.

Mr. Brown is a strong Republican in politics. He has served as Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, and was a member of the State legislature in 1894. A member of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, of Candia; and as an Odd Fellow he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32. Mr. and Mrs. Brown attend the Congregational church.

ALBERT M. PRIEST, one of the stirring business men of New Market, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, February 6, 1857, a son of Levi J. and Effie L. (Spofford) Priest.

His father, who was born in Nottingham, N.H., left his native town at an early age, settling first in Newington, and subsequently taking up his residence in New Market, where he has resided for the past fifty years. For more than thirty years he was engaged in trade here, carrying on a thriving business; and he is now living in retirement at the home of his son, Albert M. His wife, Effie L. Spofford Priest, who was a native of Buxton, Me., died in 1891.

Albert M. Priest acquired a practical education in the schools of New Market and Tilton, N.H.; and at the age of nineteen he established himself in business here, and is now conducting a general department store. He carries a large and varied stock, consisting of so many different articles that it would be impossible to designate them with any degree of accuracy; and his place of business is a most lively and convenient mart for the people of this and the adjacent towns. On July 4, 1875, Mr. Priest was united in marriage to Sarah A. Ritchie, daughter of William K. and Adelaide Ritchie, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Priest have seven children — Albert F., William L., Frank J., Addie F., Thurman, Irene, and Marion A., all of whom are residing at home, and form a most pleasing family group. Mrs. Priest is a member of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Priest is a Democrat, and, though not an office-seeker, has been elected to some important positions of public trust. For ten years he was a member of the Board of Engineers; and he has served as Town Clerk and Auditor, and has represented his district in the legislature. He is one of the most enterprising and progressive business men in this part of the county, and his present high standing in mercantile circles is the result of natural ability and a close attention to every detail in the running of his extensive establishment.

JAMES W. WINGATE, who passed to the larger activities of the spiritual life in 1894, was born, November 12, 1838, in Portsmouth, N.H., son of George Wingate. The Wingates are of ancient and honored lineage, deriving their name, it is said, from the heroic feat of a remote ancestor, a valiant soldier, who, during the storming of a castle in one of the early English wars, tore a gate from its hinges and bore it away, the appellation of "Wingate," and the family crest, a gate with five bars, being conferred upon him by the crown to perpetuate the memory of the exploit. Each succeeding generation has contained men of prominence, among them being Roger Wingate, who had a life appointment as King's Treasurer within the Lordship of Virginia, Edmund Wingate, the famous mathematician of the sixteenth century, and several who have since been conspicuous in the annals of our country.

John Wingate, the first to settle in America, was a planter at Hilton's Point, N.H., now Dover, in 1658. Sufficient is known of him to indicate that he was in good standing in the community where he lived. He became a man of considerable property, and was an active participant in King Philip's War. He was a juryman, and later Selectman of the town, serving in 1674, 1686, and 1687, the latter year being Chairman of the board. His son Joshua, the next in line of descent, represented the town of Hampton in the legislature in 1722, and again in 1726, and was chosen, with Captain John Smith, to remonstrate against the petition of the Falls Parish to be incorporated as a town. In 1744 he was appointed Colonel of the Hampton regiment of militia; and the following year he took a prominent part in the famous siege and conquest of Louisburg.

Francis Wingate, grandfather of James W. Wingate, was born August 13, 1784, and died in Portsmouth, January 19, 1843. He spent part of his life in Portsmouth and part in Westbrook, Me., being an active and valued citizen of each place. He was twice married, and had a family of eleven children, eight of them being of his first marriage.

George Wingate, son of Francis, was born December 8, 1805, and died in Portsmouth, March 29, 1885. He married Sarah Wise, a native of this city, and to them were born two children — George Edwin and James W.

George E. Wingate, now Commander in the United States navy, born in Portsmouth, married Eva, daughter of the late John R. Holbrook, now a resident of Malden, Mass. Two sons, Edward and Frederick, were born unto them.

James W. Wingate completed his education in the Portsmouth High School, where he stood well among his classmates. He subsequently learned the art of sail-making from John R. Holbrook, with whom he worked several years, after which he pursued his trade in Salem and Boston, Mass. In 1875 Mr.

Wingate entered the service of the government, becoming a warrant officer in the navy, in which he was employed for nearly twenty years. During this time he visited various parts of the globe, including China and Japan, and in his official capacity served on the "Powhatan," "Monongahela," and the "Juniata." Prior to making any sea voyage Mr. Wingate was stationed on a training ship at Baltimore. His death was caused by a tumor resulting from a fall received in the navy yard.

Mr. Wingate was prominent in many social organizations, being a Knight Templar and a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., in which he held various chairs; an office-holder in Strawberry Bank Encampment; and a member of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. His wife was for some years a member of Rebekah Lodge. Mr. Wingate was strictly temperate in his habits, and greatly opposed to the use of spirituous liquor in any form. Early in life he experienced religion, and from that time until his death lived the life of a true and faithful Christian.

Mr. Wingate was married November 12, 1863, to Miss Carrie E. Senter, daughter of William and Olive (Colbeth) Senter, former residents of Portsmouth. Mr. Senter died September 26, 1855, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife, a woman of rare graces and virtues, after years of keen suffering, which she bore with Christian fortitude, was also called on December 5, 1876, to enter into that rest which remaineth for the children of God. John Senter, brother of William, is now the only surviving member of the family. He has reached the ripe age of ninety-one years, and is still active and well preserved. Mrs. Wingate was the only child born to her parents. She was educated in Portsmouth, completing her course of study at the high school. For many years she held a responsible position in the dry-goods store of Isaac Hahn. On December 26, 1867, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wingate a daughter, Annie, who on June 6, 1894, was married to Baldwin A. Reich, of Baltimore, Md., now proprietor of the fancy cake bakery and ice-cream establishment, 14 Congress Street, Portsmouth. Mr. and Mrs. Reich have one child, a daughter, Evelyn Wilhelmina, born August 15, 1895.

FRED M. CROSBY, the enterprising proprietor of a new hotel in Hampton, N.H., was born in Enfield, Mass., August 28, 1874, son of John M. and Della H. (Gross) Crosby, both of that town. The Crosby family is one of the oldest and most prominent families in Enfield. John M. Crosby, Sr., grandfather of Mr. Crosby of Hampton, was a merchant tailor, with place of business in Enfield, his native place. He served as a Representative in the lower house of the State legislature, and also in the Senate, and was for many years a leader in local affairs. He died in Enfield, at the age of sixty-eight, leaving two sons: John M., Jr.; and Frank S., the latter of whom is now residing on the family homestead.

John M. Crosby, Jr., obtained his education in the district school of Enfield and the academy at Monson, Mass. He was for a number of years in the grocery trade in his native town, and built up a large business, though comparatively young, being twenty-nine years of age at the time of his death, which occurred in 1878. His wife, who is a daughter of Micah H. Gross, of Enfield, is now living with her son in Hampton. Fred M. Crosby is the only child of his parents.

After becoming familiar with the lower English branches in the district school near his home in Enfield, Fred M. Crosby pursued his studies at the high school in Melrose, Mass., under Principal A. G. Whitman, and then took up the study of naval engineering at the Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass., to qualify himself for that profession. Deeply interested in athletic games and in musical and social matters, he became very popular at the "Tech.," where his abilities were called into play as manager of the foot-ball and base-ball teams and of the glee and banjo clubs; and, when through ill-health he was obliged to give up his studies, his departure was a source of general regret. He took a trip to California with an uncle, and subsequently sojourned for a time at Dr. Cilley's ranch in Colorado. Then, his health being much improved, he returned East, and in 1895 purchased a large estate in Hampton, where he has established a hotel that bids fair to be very popular. In politics Mr. Crosby is a

Democrat. He is a member of one society, Theta Xi, of the Institute of Technology.

COLONEL ALFRED A. COLLINS, of South Danville, N.H., was born in Danville, October 15, 1848. He is a son of John H. and Amy (Collins) Collins. John H. Collins, who was born in Hampstead, removed to Danville at the age of fifteen, where he has since resided. He represented the town in the legislature of 1891–92. He is still living in Danville, at the age of seventy-two years. His father, Jonathan Collins, who was a cooper by trade, when forty-eight years old moved to Danville, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the advanced age of ninety-two. Amy Collins, mother of Alfred A., was a daughter of John Collins, a farmer and a lifelong resident of Danville. He was the first Republican Representative from the town, serving in the legislature of 1856. He lived to be ninety-two. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Collins, namely: Alfred A.; Emma S., who became the wife of John F. Heath, but is now no longer living; Herbert S.; and Cora M., wife of Edward A. Witherell, all of South Danville.

Colonel Alfred A. Collins was educated in the common schools of Danville and at Kingston Academy and the New Hampton Institute. After spending a few months in Boston at a commercial college, he began the manufacture of shoes in his native town in 1868, and has been connected with that business ever since with the firms of McLane & Collins, H. S. and C. M. Collins, that have conducted the manufacture of ladies', misses', and children's low cut shoes for the jobbing trade all over the country, Colonel Collins being for the past fifteen years travelling salesman. The business now gives employment to one hundred and fifty to two hundred hands, and is the leading industry of the town.

Colonel Collins in 1894 patented the Collins Spring Heel Process that gave to the shoe trade the first perfect flat tread spring heel ever made, and which was favorably received by the leading shoe manufacturers of the country. The machines and process are now under the control of the Flagg Manufacturing Company, 110 Lincoln Street, Boston, Mass.

December 1, 1870, Colonel Collins was married to Miss Elvira R. Lincoln, of Norton, Mass. Her health failing a year later, Mr. Collins sought for her a change in climate, living for a year in Huntington, Pa. She never fully recovered, however, and passed away May 14, 1881. By this union one child was born, Alice L., who is at present taking a course at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. Colonel Collins was again married November 1, 1885, to Miss Kate C. Lowell, of Danville, daughter of the Rev. J. A. Lowell, now of Wells, Me. By this union he has one daughter, Marion

Colonel Collins is active in politics as a Republican. He represented the town in the legislature of 1876, being the first young man sent from the town, and being one of three in the legislature of that year. He has held nearly all the local offices, and for years was Moderator at most of the town meetings. He was appointed June 17, 1885, on the staff of Governor Moody Currier, on which he served two years. He is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of Gideon Lodge, No. 84, of Kingston, St. Albans' Chapter of Exeter; and De Witt Clinton Commandery of Portsmouth. In business, politics, and social circles Colonel Collins is widely known both in his own State and others.

JOHN H. DINSMORE, the owner of one of the best farms in Windham, and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, June 3, 1840, son of Robert P. and Sally (Gregg) Dinsmoore. His great-grandfather, William Dinsmore, who was of Scotch descent, was the founder of the family in this locality. Robert Dinsmore, Mr. Dinsmore's grandfather, who was known as the "Rustic Bard," was a prominent resident of Windham in his day. He served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War.

His son, Robert P. Dinsmoore, was a native and lifelong resident of Windham, and was one of the many in this section who served in

the War of 1812. He was an active and useful citizen, who had the general good of the community at heart. An old-time Whig in politics, he joined the Republican party on its formation. He died at his home in this town, August 28, 1861. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Gregg, was a native of Windham. Of the children born to them the following survive: Jacob N., a resident of New York City; Samuel, who resides in Yonkers, N.Y.; Maria, wife of Henry Damon, of Reading, Mass.; Robert, a resident of the State of California; John H., the subject of this sketch; and Luther, who, like his brother Robert, resides in California.

John H. Dinsmore was given a common-school education. From his early manhood he has been engaged in tilling the soil. He owns a valuable and productive farm, situated at the head of Corbett's Pond; and its fine location and carefully cultivated acres attract the attention of the passing traveller. Mr. Dinsmore married Adrianna Black, whose father was a native of Corinna, Me. Mrs. Dinsmore has had three children: Arthur H., who is no longer living; George G.; and Bertha L.

In politics Mr. Dinsmore is an active supporter of the Republican party, and he has done good service to the community in the administration of public affairs. He was Town Auditor for a number of years, was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and represented his district in the legislature in 1892–93. He also served on the Board of Supervisors. The ability and judgment he displayed in the transaction of public business is appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, who regard him as a leader in local politics. He is now President of the Republican Club.

GEORGE R. STEVENS, a retired farmer of Epping, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Pembroke, N.H., on April 12, 1831. His parents were Theophilus and Mary (Robinson) Stevens. Theophilus Stevens, his great-grandfather, purchased a farm in Epping, under grant of King George III. His son, Samuel Stevens, inherited this place, to which his son Theophilus succeeded, leaving it in turn to George R. The father, a native of Epping, spent his life here in agricultural pursuits. He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, who devoted his chief attention to his private affairs. He died on June 6, 1881, having the respect of all who were acquainted with his worth. His wife, who was born in Meredith, N.H., passed away on April 25, 1862. They were the parents of four children — Samuel G., Alpheus S., Jonathan E., and George R., who is the only one now living.

George R. Stevens received a rudimentary education in the common schools, subsequently taking a two years' course of study at the academy in Pembroke. He afterward engaged in farming, to which occupation he has since devoted his time. In 1889 Mr. Stevens retired from active work, though he still supervises the farm. He now has a comfortable home in the village. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party; and, although he has never sought public office, he served the town with credit as Selectman.

Mr. Stevens has been twice married. His first wife, Dorothy A., was a daughter of Joseph Fogg, of Raymond. She died in January, 1862, leaving one son, who attained a promising manhood, but died in Boston in January, 1896, aged thirty-eight years and six months. Mr. Stevens's second wife was Celia E. Johnson, daughter of Darius D. Johnson, of Epping. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have one son living — George E. Stevens, a well-known business man of Epping. The mother is identified in the membership of the Congregational church. Mr. Stevens is a man of high moral and social standing, who is in active sympathy with all movements for the good of his town and the progress of humanity in general.

WILLIAM P. WALKER, merchant tailor, one of the prominent business men of Portsmouth, who has occupied his present quarters at 8 Market Square since March 13, 1849, was born in Chesterfield, Cheshire County, February 4, 1825. He is a son of Arza and Lydia (Baker) Walker, and comes of early English stock.

His paternal grandfather, who was a farmer, and, as far as known, a lifelong resident of Cheshire County, married a Miss Elizabeth Hartman, with whom he reared four children — Jimmy, Joza, Arza, and Phila. The father was upward of eighty years old when he died.

Arza Walker, the father of William P., was born in Chesterfield, and reared on a farm. He devoted his life to the pursuit of agriculture in his native town, and died there in 1829 in middle age. His wife, also a native and lifelong resident of Cheshire County, was but thirty-nine years of age at her death in 1828. Six of their children attained maturity; namely, Sabrina, Horton D., Lawson, Parker D., Caroline B., and William P. Sabrina, now deceased, became the wife of the Hon. William Hale, Governor of New Hampshire; and Caroline B. married John B. Merrill, and now resides in Beloit, Wis.

William P. Walker, left fatherless and motherless when but four years old, was taken charge of by his uncle, Martin Cole, a farmer, of Mount Holly, Vt. Living on Mr. Cole's farm, he began to assist in the chores as soon as he was capable, while for a part of every year he attended the district school, which was three and a half miles distant. When he was twelve years of age, he went to Salem, Mass., to live with his elder brother, Horton D. Here he attended school for about a year, and then became a pupil of Dummer Academy at Newbury, Mass. A course of study lasting eighteen months at this institution finished his schooling; and he then joined his brother Horton, who had removed to Portsmouth. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the tailor's trade, to which he served an apprenticeship of three years, the first with the Portsmouth firm of Brown & Clarke, and the second and third in Massachusetts, respectively at Lynn and Salem. In 1848 he commenced his business career in Portsmouth, and in 1849, as already mentioned, established himself in his present quarters. There for nearly half a century he has weathered the vicissitudes of trade, establishing a widespread reputation for reliability.

Mr. Walker was married to Miss Anna C. Peele, a native of Salem, Mass., and has one daughter, Nellie P. Mr. Walker is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; and of Piscataquis Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Walker and her daughter are members of St. John's Episcopal Church.

JOHN H. BRACKETT, a native-born resident of Greenland, Rockingham County, formerly Selectman and Representative of the town, was born here, November 26, 1838, a son of Thomas and Sarah W. (Veasey) Brackett. His earliest known ancestor, Anthony Brackett, was a native of England, who came to this county in 1632, locating in Portsmouth. He subsequently removed to the town of Greenland, where he died. The farm upon which he first located is now owned and occupied by Mr. Dudley Littlefield. From him the line descends through seven generations to the subject of this sketch, as follows: Thomas, Thomas (second), Joshua, James, Joshua, Thomas, John H., the last-named being of the eighth generation in this country.

Thomas Brackett, the first, was killed by Indians in Portland, Me., in 1676, and his wife and three children taken prisoners.

Joshua Brackett, the grandfather of John H., was a native of this town. His son, Thomas Brackett, spent his entire life in Greenland, and was an influential citizen, prominent in town affairs. He served as Selectman and Representative for two terms. He was a member and active worker in the Congregational church. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party. He died in 1868, at the age of seventy-seven years.

His wife, Sarah, had twelve children: John H., who died in infancy; Sarah G., Mary F., Sarah A., and Alice, who are also deceased; John H., named for his deceased brother; Thomas, Martha, James, and Frederick, who have all passed away; Grace, wife of John Scott; and Alice, second, wife of George I. Walker, of New Market. The mother died in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years.

John H. Brackett was born and reared on his present farm, then the property of his par-

ents, and on which he has always resided. It consists of ninety acres of good land, and he carries on general farming successfully. He is highly respected in this locality. A Democrat in politics, he has served twelve different terms as Selectman, and was Representative to the State legislature in 1883 and 1885. He is also a member of the Masonic Order.

In 1889 Mr. Brackett was married to Mary E. A. Lewis, of Sandwich, N.H.; and they have one son, Thomas J. Brackett. Mrs. Brackett died February 1, 1892.

JOSEPH D. THOMAS, a worthy citizen of Londonderry, was born in Lincoln County, Maine, November 2, 1825. He is a son of Samuel and Susan (Mills) Thomas, his father being a native of Biddeford, Me., and his mother of Nobleboro, in the same State. The family is said to be of Welsh extraction. Joseph Thomas, the grandfather, was a native of Biddeford, where he spent his life successfully engaged in agriculture. His son Samuel learned the trade of a carpenter, for which he possessed special ability; and throughout the years of his activity he was profitably engaged in mechanical pursuits. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Mills, and his second Sophia Chellis. Of his children three are living: Joseph D.; Sallie L, wife of Joshua Linscott, of Nobleboro, Me.; and Sophia, now Mrs. Harvey, of Rochester, N.H.

Joseph D. Thomas's opportunities for obtaining an education were limited to two months' attendance in the common schools each year until reaching the age of fourteen. When but eight years old, he was practically thrown on his own resources; and during the years immediately succeeding he had no settled home, living but a few months in any one place. At sixteen he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith at Biddeford, Me., where he served a three years' apprenticeship on machine work for the cotton-mills. His natural adaptability to mechanical work enabled him to quickly master the difficulties of his trade. Subsequently, leaving Biddeford, he worked successively in Boston, Cambridge, Charlestown, Nashua, Manchester, and again in Boston. In 1873 he came to Londonderry, and has since made his home in this town. He owns about thirty-six acres of land, and in connection with farming he carries on blacksmithing In politics he is a Republican; and, fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic Order. Personally popular, he has the respect and esteem of the community.

On March 14, 1848, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Judith Emmons, a native of Kennebunkport, Me., and a daughter of Captain Thomas and Olive (Perkins) Emmons. Both her parents were natives of Maine; and her father was a sea captain, engaged in the foreign merchant trade. Captain Emmons and his wife had four children, namely: Judith; Hiram Emmons, of Kennebunkport; Mrs. Harriet Davis, a widow, residing in Kennebunkport; and Thomas A. Emmons, of Lawrence, Mass.

FRANK PEARCE FORSAITH, who stands high among the able and progressive agriculturists of South Hampton, was born where he now resides, January 15, 1855, son of John C. and Mary W. (Healey) Forsaith. His grandfather was Dr. Robert Forsaith, an early settler and a leading physician of his day in New Market, who in 1817, while still a comparatively young man, was found frozen to death in his sleigh. His wife was Sally Chase, of Hampton Falls, N.H.

John C. Forsaith, father of Frank P., was born in New Market, November 25, 1811. Previous to his settlement in South Hampton in 1840, he was in mercantile business in Salem and Chelsea, Mass., and also in New York and Boston. After carrying on trade here for about eight years, he settled upon the farm where his sons, Frank P. and John W., now reside, becoming an able and successful farmer. He was widely known and highly esteemed; and, besides being appointed a Trustee of Barnard Academy, he was twice elected to the legislature as a Jackson Democrat. He died February 6, 1876. His wife, Mary W. Healey, who was born in Kensington, September 19, 1820, became the

mother of six children, as follows: Elizabeth E., George N., Mary O., John W., Ella A., and Frank P. She died in 1884.

Frank P. Forsaith was educated in the common schools and at Barnard Academy. In young manhood he gave his attention to tilling the soil, inheriting a half-interest in the homestead farm, which he carries on with his brother, John W. Forsaith. He is an energetic, practical, and progressive general farmer and dairyman. His farm, which occupies a most convenient and pleasant location, is noted for its extensive and productive orchards, some fifteen acres being devoted to fruit-growing alone; and, beside the large number of bearing trees, many young trees have been recently set out.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Forsaith was united in marriage to Mary Etta Evans, who was born in Derry, N.H., April 13, 1866, a daughter of Charles M. and Phœbe Ann (Merrill) Evans, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Forsaith have one daughter, Mabel Ella, aged about five years. In politics Mr. Forsaith is a Democrat. He is very popular socially, his genial disposition and pleasing manners making him a welcome guest at all important society gatherings; and it may be truthfully said that his friends and acquaintances include the entire community in which he lives.

WOODBRIDGE W. DURELL, Town Treasurer of New Market, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born here in September, 1839, son of Newman and Sarah B. (Orsborne) Durell. Mr. Durell's father, a native and lifelong resident of New Market, was for many years prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the town. He served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Highway Surveyor, and took an active interest in the general welfare of the community until his death, which occurred in 1856. His wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of the Rev. Jonathan Orsborne, of Lee, N.H., died in 1884.

Woodbridge W. Durell, after attending the district school for a short time, at the age of fifteen began to work for his living as a bobbin boy in the mills. A few months later he secured a position as a clerk in a general store here, in which capacity he continued for four years. At the end of that time, after spending one season upon the farm, he in the fall of 1861 enlisted as a private in a New Hampshire Regiment of Cavalry for service in the Civil War. During the succeeding three years and five months he saw a great deal of active service, taking part in the eventful campaigns. At the battle of Sulphur Springs he was made prisoner of war, and held for fourteen months. After his exchange he rejoined his regiment, with which he remained until the close of the war. Discharged in the spring of 1865, he returned to New Market, and engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business in company with B. F. Haley. This partnership, having endured for more than fifteen years, was terminated by Mr. Durell, who bought the interest of his associate in the stock of dry goods, and established himself in that business exclusively here. Since then he has steadily prospered, gaining a wide and enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing. At the present time he carries the largest and most select stock of dry goods, millinery, furniture, and carpets, besides other goods, in this part of the county. Politically, he is a Republican, and by his influence he has contributed much toward the party's success in this locality. He has well served the town as a Selectman, and is now its Treasurer.

In 1869 Mr. Durell was united in marriage to Sarah E. Smith, who was born in New Market, daughter of Samuel Smith, of Wakefield, N.H. He is a member of the Masonic Order, having been Master of the Blue Lodge here for three years. He is also connected with the Knights of Honor and Post George A. Gray, Grand Army of the Republic. As a business man, he is highly esteemed in the town.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH W. KUSE, a retired carpenter of South New Market, was born in Exeter, this county, April 19, 1815, son of Joseph and Sally (Neal) Kuse. On the father's side he is of Scotch origin, and a representative of an old county family. His paternal grandfather

was one of the pioneers of North Hampton, where he resided during a portion of his life. Grandfather Kuse was well educated for his day, and engaged in school-teaching in different parts of the country. He died in the State of Ohio.

Joseph Kuse was a native of North Hampton, where he passed a few years of his early manhood in the occupations of a carpenter and farmer. He subsequently moved to Exeter, and a little later to Newfields, settling on the farm now occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch. He began to make improvements on the estate soon after his arrival in 1815, and gave considerable time to carpenter's work, making a specialty of hewing, at which he was considered very skilful. He married Miss Sally Neal, a native of Newfields, by whom he became the father of two children — Mary Ann and Joseph W. Mary Ann, who became Mrs. Tuckerman, passed away in her eighty-fifth year. Both parents were associated with the Methodist Episcopal church of Newfields. In political matters the father followed the Republican party. He passed away at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, and his wife in her eighty-third year.

Captain Joseph W. Kuse grew to manhood on the homestead, receiving his education at the common schools of Newfields. At the age of eighteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed thereafter pretty constantly until a short time ago. In 1840 he engaged with the Squamscot Machine Company, with which he remained about twenty years, travelling for them, and performing work in various places. He has always resided on the old homestead, which comprises about forty acres of excellent land, and has led a very industrious life.

On September 3, 1838, Mr. Kuse was joined in wedlock with Miss Ruth Eaton, who was born December 29, 1815, in Bowdoin, Me., daughter of Nathan Eaton, a seafaring man. Of the marriage there have been born four children, namely: Joseph W. and Nathan E., both deceased; Elizabeth, who is now the wife of S. P. Chase, a resident of Exeter; and Perry T., who is a painter by trade, and who, with his wife, Mrs. Carrie (Tomilson) Kuse, resides at his father's home. Mr. Kuse has been honored by his fellow-citizens with several public trusts, in which he has served them efficiently. He held the commission of Captain in the old military company at Newfields. In national politics he acts with the Republican party. He and his wife are in fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal church of Newfields, in which he has officiated in several capacities. Captain Kuse has the distinction of being the oldest citizen of his town.

GEORGE W. SCOTT, a well-known maltster in the Frank Jones Brewery, Portsmouth, was born in this city, October 8, 1860. His parents were of Irish birth and ancestry. The father, who for twenty-four years followed farming in this town, died in 1874, at the age of forty-six years. The mother, who is still living (1896), has had seven children, three boys and four girls.

George W. Scott, the second child of his parents, received his rudimentary education in the district school, and subsequently attended Smith's Commercial College of Portsmouth. When he was thirteen years old, he began to drive a milk cart, which he continued for six years. Then, buying cows and a milk route for himself, he carried on this enterprise until attaining his majority. He then entered Frank Jones's Brewery as a laborer, learning the trade of maltster under the supervision of James J. Hogan. At the end of ten months he proved so efficient that he was appointed assistant maltster, and filled that position from 1882 to 1888. When Mr. Hogan died, Mr. Scott took his place as maltster, which he is at the present time, having thirty-two men under his charge. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held public office for twelve years, serving two years in the Common Council from Ward 3, two years as Overseer of the Poor, four years as Alderman, and four years on the Board of Registration. It is a significant fact, emphasizing Mr. Scott's popularity, that no other man in the ward has served for twelve consecutive years in official positions in the city government. Mr. Scott is a member of Foresters and of

B. & P. O. Elks, No. 97. He attends the Catholic church.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in 1890, was Maggie Fitzpatrick, she being a native of Ireland. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Scott took an extended and thoroughly enjoyable tour through Ireland and England. Mr. Scott's success is the result of personal effort. Being still a young man and very popular, he may yet attain greater rewards of his diligence in business and zeal in the public service.

JAMES M. NESMITH, a prominent resident of Atkinson, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Londonderry, N.H., June 18, 1832, son of James and Mary (Corning) Nesmith. Ancestors of the Nesmith family were early settlers of Londonderry; and Mr. Nesmith's grandfather, Robert Nesmith, was a native and lifelong resident of that town. The active period of Robert's life was passed in successfully tilling the soil, and he died at the age of seventy-five years. He was one of the stirring and useful men of his day, who won the respect and good will of all by his unselfish zeal for the general good. In politics he acted with the Whig party. He married Jane Anderson, a native of New Hampshire, and reared a family of five children, all now deceased. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian church. The mother lived to be seventy-five years old.

James Nesmith, the youngest of his parents' children, was born at the homestead in Londonderry in 1794. He was one of the most capable and successful farmers of his day. Taking legitimate advantage of every opportunity to improve his property and advance his interests, he fully earned the fair measure of prosperity that resulted. In politics he was a Whig. At the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty-seven years old, he was actively engaged upon his farm. He left to his posterity the reputation of an honorable, upright, and conscientious man. His wife, before marriage Mary Corning, daughter of Samuel Corning, of Litchfield, N.H., became the mother of nine children, two of whom are living, namely: James M., the subject of this sketch; and Martha A., who was born in 1837, and is now residing at the old homestead in Londonderry. The mother lived to the age of sixty-eight years.

James M. Nesmith was educated in the common schools of Londonderry. In young manhood he was engaged as a section foreman on the Concord Railway, a position which he filled for eight years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and subsequently followed it for some twenty-five years. In 1861 he bought the farm in Atkinson where he now resides. Besides conducting this, he continued working at his trade until some time ago, when he relinquished it. He owns one hundred and eighteen acres of excellent tillage land, which is well improved and desirably located; and as a general farmer he ranks with the leading agriculturists of this town.

Mr. Nesmith has been twice married. The first occasion was in 1867, when he was united to Susan H. Wheeler, who died in 1871. His second marriage took place in 1873, when he wedded Lucy E. Poor, a native of Atkinson. Regarding religious questions he holds liberal opinions, while he attends the Orthodox church. In political affairs Mr. Nesmith is a prominent figure, being one of the most active of the Republican party in this section. He was for three years a member of the Board of Selectmen, was elected a Representative to the State legislature of 1894–95, and at the present time is serving as Road Agent. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, in which he is a member of the Executive Committee. Both Mr. Nesmith and his wife attend the Congregational church.

NATHANIEL E. BARTLETT, a Selectman of Hampstead, was born in this town, June 27, 1856, son of Ezekiel and Prusia H. (Daly) Bartlett. Mr. Bartlett's grandparents, John and Mary (Morrill) Bartlett, were natives of Amesbury, Mass. John Bartlett, who was a tanner, followed that occupation together with farming for several years in his native town. He finally came to Hampstead, where he bought a farm of one hundred acres, and there

resided until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years. He was the father of eleven children, of whom the only survivor is Mathias, who is a resident of New York State. Grandmother Bartlett lived to be over eighty years old.

Ezekiel Bartlett, who was born in Newbury, Mass., November 27, 1813, passed his youth in Massachusetts. When a young man, he learned carriage-making in Hampstead, and subsequently, for a number of years, was engaged in business upon his own account. He was enterprising and fairly successful. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled the office of Postmaster at Hampstead Centre for several years. He died August 4, 1889. On January 20, 1850, he married Mrs. Prusia H. (Town) Daly, who was born in Norwood, Conn., February 17, 1822. She became the mother of five children, three of whom are living. They are: Carrie T., born February 25, 1853, who is now the wife of George W. Baker, of Hampstead, having four children — George H., Alice E., Lauretta May, and Ernest; Nathaniel E., the subject of this sketch; and Myra, born March 31, 1863, who is the wife of Robert Hart, of this town, having one child, Earl B. The mother, who still survives, has reached the age of seventy-five, and has been united with the Methodist Episcopal church for many years.

Nathaniel E. Bartlett was educated in the schools of Hampstead. He learned the carriage-maker's trade with his father, and followed it thereafter until he was twenty-eight years old. In 1885 he engaged in mercantile business in the general store of Arthur J. Spollett, at the old stand of John D. Ordway & Co., where he has since remained. On June 27, 1883, Mr. Bartlett wedded Lizzie M. Hart, who was born August 13, 1864, daughter of William J. and Jane (Banks) Hart, of Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett have three children, namely: Elsie G., who was born July 1, 1884; Leroy N., who was born January 16, 1890; and Harold B., who was born July 21, 1893.

Mr. Bartlett is recognized as a leading spirit in local affairs, and one of the most active members of the Democratic party in this town. He was first elected a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1889, was re-elected the following year, and in 1896 was again chosen a member of that body. In business circles he occupies a prominent position here, and both he and his wife are socially popular.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, a lumberman and farmer of Nottingham, was born at Bow, Merrimack County, September 20, 1835, son of George and Asenath (Colby) Wheeler. His father, who also was a native of Bow, followed the carpenter's trade. He was likewise considerably engaged in agricultural pursuits, being the possessor of a farm of about two hundred and fifty acres. A very industrious and enterprising man, he was deservedly successful. He married Miss Asenath Colby, and became by her the father of twelve children, eleven of whom are still living. These are: Daniel, George A., Jesse C., Cyrus C., Eli, Susan, Rufus, Oliver, Wesley, Asenath, and Narsisa. Both parents were members of the Methodist society at Bow. The father evinced his earnest religious spirit by erecting the present church building. In national civic affairs his principles brought him into affiliation with the Republican party. He passed his declining years in his native town. His wife, now eighty years old, still survives him, residing on the old homestead.

George A. Wheeler acquired his education in the common schools of his native town. After finishing with school, he helped in the work of the farm, giving special attention, however, to lumbering. In 1876 he and his brother Jesse purchased the present farm, on which they are extensively engaged in lumbering. They own a mill run by steam power, and fully equipped for the best work.

In September, 1889, Mr. Wheeler was united in marriage with Miss Villa Bachelder, daughter of Pike Bachelder, a resident of Manchester, N.H. Their only child, Ruth, was born February 4, 1892. Jesse Wheeler, Mr. Wheeler's brother and associate in business, married Miss Sarah Ball, of Auburn, Me., and has a son named Leslie. Mr. Wheeler supports the Republican party, and

he is a member of the Methodist church. He has served for one term each in the capacities of Selectman and legislative Representative at Concord.

DANIEL P. HARVEY, a well-known agriculturist of Nottingham, and a native of this town, was born October 17, 1848, son of Pike H. and Mary A. (Chapman) Harvey. The Harvey family is one of the old and respected ones of Nottingham. Daniel Harvey, grandfather of Daniel P., was born here in 1789; and his descendants have resided in the town ever since. Daniel was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout life. He and his wife, Hannah (Hill) Harvey, a native of Lee, N.H., had a family of five children, of whom Abigail and Daniel A. survive. Abigail is now the wife of Joshua Wiggin, of Epping, N.H., to whom she has borne two children — Joshua and Daniel. Daniel A. wedded Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Skowhegan, Me.; and they have become the parents of nine children — namely, Kate E., Clara A., Hannah M., John S., Frank, Annie B., Benjamin, William K., and Mary K. Daniel Harvey died at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife passed away in her forty-second year.

Pike H. Harvey, son of Daniel, was born October 24, 1813, in Nottingham on the paternal estate, a farm of about one hundred and seventy-five acres, where he subsequently spent his adult years in agricultural pursuits. He was joined in matrimony with Mary A. Chapman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Chapman, of Nottingham; and to them were born four children, all of whom still survive. These are: Hannah E., Rebecca S., Daniel P., and Idala. Hannah was given in marriage to Benjamin F. Lang, of Lee; and their union was blessed in the birth of eight children, as follows: Laura, who is now the wife of Frank Morrison, of Durham, N.H., and has one son, Charles; Susie, who married George Strout, of New York, and has also one son, Allen; Annie; George; Edna; Bertha; Bernaise; and Benjamin. Rebecca was united in marriage with John C. Hill, of Charlestown, Mass.; and they have become the parents of two children — Ida and True S. Idala, who is now Mrs. Daniel Martin, of South Boston, Mass., has had two children — Harry and Sarah. Pike H. Harvey and his wife were Universalists. He was respected and prominent in Nottingham, participating very freely in local politics. He was Town Collector, and was also a member of the Board of Selectmen. For two terms he had the honor of representing his town in the legislature at Concord. In politics he was a stanch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He lived seventy-three years. Mrs. Harvey still survives him, residing with her son, the subject of this sketch, on the old homestead.

Daniel P. Harvey acquired his education in the common schools of his native town. After leaving school, he was engaged with his father in the work of the farm for some time. In 1882 he removed to Waltham, Vt., where he was occupied in lumbering and farming for three years. Returning then to the paternal estate, its management has been his chief occupation since. On June 17, 1872, he was united in wedlock with Miss Aurilla M. Hill, a daughter of William Hill, of Starksboro, Vt. He has now four children, namely: Mabel, born August 8, 1873, who is the wife of J. Lewis Caverno, of Lee; Pike H., born January 21, 1878; Blanche, born October 11, 1885; and Grace E., born September 3, 1888.

Mr. Harvey, for the last three years, has been Postmaster at Nottingham Centre; and he held for six years the office of Deputy Sheriff of Rockingham County. He is affiliated with the fraternity of Masons by his membership in Sullivan Lodge, No. 19, of Epping, N.H., covering a score of years. He is also identified with the Patrons of Husbandry in the grange of Nottingham. In politics he is found among the ranks of the Democratic party. His religious belief and sentiments are liberal.

RUFUS E. TUTTLE, one of the busy men of Nottingham, is a farmer as well as a carpenter and builder. A native of this town, he was born October 12, 1847, son of Eben S. and Sally (Clarke) Tuttle. He comes of an old and re-

spected family. His great-grandfather, Stolen Tuttle, was a pioneer settler of the district, where he devoted the remainder of his life to reclaiming and cultivating a farm. Nicholas, a son of Stolen and a native of Nottingham, where he spent his entire life, was an industrious and successful farmer, who made the best use of the opportunities offered by the time and place. He was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Lucy, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lucy, of Nottingham. The union was blessed in the birth of eight children, all of whom have now passed away. The mother was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Nottingham. In politics her husband belonged to the Democratic party. He died at the age of fifty-seven years. His wife, who survived him, lived to be ninety-three.

Eben S. Tuttle, who was also a native of Nottingham, born August 3, 1803, passed the earlier portion of his life as a farmer on the old homestead. While a young man, he learned the mason's trade, which he followed throughout the rest of his life, at the same time successfully carrying on his farm of sixty acres. In 1829 he was joined in matrimony with Miss Sally Clarke, a native of Canada, who bore him seven children, all of whom are yet living. They are: Izette, Levi C., Martha, Nancy D., John M., Fanny L., and Rufus E. Izette, who is now Mrs. George W. Trefren, of Somerville, Mass., has had five children — George, Aura, Edward, William, and Fred. Levi wedded Lenora Furber, the widow of the late James Horn, of Somersworth, N.H., and became the father of two children — Leon and Lorie. Martha became the wife of Charles Head, of Nottingham. Nancy was married to Joseph C. DeMerritt, of Nottingham, recently deceased, to whom she bore four children — Eliza A., Sallie A., John L., and Effie L. John was joined in wedlock with Miss Clara Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Scarboro, Me., and has two children — H. Weston and Russell M. Fanny was given in marriage to A. F. Tuttle, of Nottingham, and has one child, Iber L. Eben S. Tuttle won the respect and confidence of all his neighbors, and for several years he served them in the capacity of Selectman. In politics he gave his allegiance to the Democratic party. Both he and his wife were members of the North Nottingham Church. His decease occurred at the advanced age of fourscore years.

Rufus E. Tuttle, after attending the public schools of his native town for the customary period, learned the trade of a carpenter in Somerville, Mass., and thereafter followed it for eight years. In 1876 he returned to Nottingham, where he has resided ever since, giving his attention to the care of a farm of eighty-five acres, and doing considerable business as a carpenter and builder. On May 6, 1876, he was joined in matrimony with Miss Eliza M. Evans, a daughter of Samuel D. Evans, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and they have had no children. Both he and Mrs. Tuttle are members of the Baptist church at North Nottingham. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Tuttle has taken a very active part in the civic and social affairs of his native town. Responding to the solicitation of his neighbors, he served on the School Committee for three years, has been Town Auditor, and since 1895 has served on the Board of Selectmen, of which he is the present Chairman. For the last sixteen years he has been Justice of the Peace, and at the present time he is a Constable of Nottingham. Mr. Tuttle also serves in the responsible position of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Nottingham. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as a member of Equity Lodge, in which he has filled many of the chairs, and of which he was the first Noble Grand.

DANIEL SMITH, who is an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist, and an estimable citizen of Exeter, was born on the farm that is now his residence in 1815, son of John and Abigail (Hayes) Smith. He represents an old and respected family of the county, whose founders reclaimed from its State of wilderness the home farm that has descended from them through several successive generations to its present proprietor. Daniel Smith's grandfather, also named Daniel, who resided on the property occupied for years in agricultural

pursuits, passed away in 1817, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. Grandmother Abigail Smith died February 17, 1824, in her seventy-eighth year.

John Smith, the father of the subject of this sketch, also born on this farm, followed the occupation of farmer. A modest, unassuming man, he yet fully discharged his obligations as a citizen. His demise occurred on January 11, 1858, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife, a native of this county, born in Nottingham, died November 18, 1844, in her fifty-sixth year. She was generally regarded as a most estimable woman.

Daniel Smith attained maturity on the home farm, receiving his education in the district schools of Exeter. He has spent his long life in farming. The property contains three hundred acres, and the buildings are neat and substantial.

In 1837 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ann Burley, who was a native of New Market, this county. The union was blessed by nine children, of whom eight survive. They were: John R., born February 15, 1842; Ellen E., born December 17, 1843, who is now the wife of Charles Locke; Martha J. B., born May 12, 1845, who is now Mrs. H. J. Paul; Charles H., born September 14, 1846; Daniel B., born December 3, 1849; Emeline, born in October, 1850, now deceased; Frank A., born April 10, 1853; James P., born August 12, 1856; and Rufus L., born October 16, 1860. The mother died in July, 1895. In politics Mr. Smith has always supported the Republican party, and has served in several local offices. He has served the community as Overseer of the Poor and in other capacities. Now in his eighty-first year, he looks to be a much younger man.

E. G. BRACKETT, a farmer and mason of Brentwood, was a soldier in the late war. He was born March 14, 1836, in Deerfield township, this county, son of George and Sarah (Davis) Brackett. George Brackett, who was born and bred in Cambridge, Mass., lived there until he was fifteen years of age. He then came to this county, locating in Deerfield, where he worked as a farm laborer until 1845. By prudent management he accumulated some money, with which he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son, the subject of this article. Here he was prosperously engaged in tilling the soil until his demise in 1881. While living in Deerfield, he married Miss Sarah Davis, of that town, who survived him about a year. They were the parents of three children; namely, E. G. Brackett, Martha, and George W. Martha, who is now dead, was the wife of the late Benjamin Drew. George W., now living in West Hampton, N.H., has been twice married. His first wife was Addie (Clay) Brackett, after whose death he married Miss Nellie Dickson.

E. G. Brackett received a common-school education, and at the early age of eleven years began the battle of life on his own account. Obtaining work on a farm, he continued engaged in the pursuit of agriculture for some seven years, when he learned the mason's trade. He has since worked at his trade in this State and in several Western towns and cities. On August 12, 1862, Mr. Brackett enlisted in Company A, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Horace C. Bacon and Colonel Walter Hiram. With his regiment he was sent at once to the field of action, and took part in many of the important battles of the Rebellion, among the more noted being those of Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Jackson, Knoxville, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, and Petersburg. He was present when the mine exploded at the latter place. He was also in the engagement at Pegram farm, and in other small skirmishes. He was twice wounded, the first time being at the battle of Fredericksburg, when he was injured in the right arm, and the second at the battle of Petersburg, when he received a wound in the left hand. He did his duty bravely, and for his services now receives a pension. He was honorably discharged June 10, 1865, at Concord, N.H. Mr. Brackett's wife had three brothers in the war. After his return he worked at his trade for several years, and then in 1877 bought the old homestead farm, where he has since resided. He has twenty acres of well-tilled land, which he

handles to advantage, at the same time that he makes mason-work his chief occupation. He is highly esteemed as a citizen and neighbor, and has served in many of the minor offices of the township.

Mr. Brackett was married June 10, 1867, to Miss Sarah A. Purington, who was born April 21, 1851, in West Hampton, where her parents, the late Joshua and Sarah (Dow) Purington, were numbered among the successful farmers of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Brackett have had four children, as follows: Cora, who is the wife of Daniel W. Garland, of Kingston, this county; Mattie M., who married George C. Goodrich, of Brentwood; Alice G., who lives at home; and Wesley E., who died at the age of seven years. Mrs. Brackett is a conscientious and active member of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM SMITH, an enterprising and industrious citizen of Portsmouth, was born on Prince Edward's Island, March 30, 1840, of English parentage. His father, Henry Smith, a native of England, was born, bred, and married at Aix, Suffolk County. He was a farmer by occupation, and followed it in England until twenty-six years old. Then, accompanied by his wife, he shipped for Prince Edward's Island, where he resided for the rest of his life. His wife, also a native of England, whose maiden name was Mary Rice, bore him thirteen children. William Smith, the third-born of his parents' children, learned the trade of a ship carpenter when young. After working at it for five years in Prince Edward's Island, he removed to St. John, N.B. There he lived sixteen years, working in the mean time for the Hickman Company, Stackhouse, McLaughlin, and others. In 1891, wishing to try his fortune in the States, Mr. Smith came to New Hampshire, locating in this city, where he has since been employed by Mr. Keene, contractor and builder of bridges. Mr. Smith is a thorough and skilful workman, fully acquainted with his trade in all of its details, his reputation in his line of business being such that he is kept in constant employment.

Mr. Smith married Miss Hannah McDonald, of Prince Edward's Island. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children — James H., Jacob H., May, Maud, and William. James H. is a machinist, and lives in Dover, N.H.; Jacob H. is a brass finisher in a brass shop of this city; and William is a laster in the Portsmouth shoe shop. The other two children are at home.

NEWELL S. TILTON, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Exeter, was born July 26, 1851, on the same farm where he now resides, son of Joseph and Martha J. (Smith) Tilton. He traces back his family history to a time anterior to the Revolutionary period. His great-grandfather, Ebenezer Tilton, was a native of Deerfield, N.H. Joseph Tilton, Ebenezer's son, who on December 13, 1781, was also born there, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Joseph married Miss Betsy Pike, of Hampton Falls, N.H., and by her became the father of a son, also named Joseph, who was the father of Newell S. Joseph Tilton, Sr., lived to attain the grand old age of ninety years and three months.

Joseph Tilton, Jr., a native of Stratham, N.H., was a carpenter, and in the earlier part of his life followed that trade in Boston, Mass., for eight years. Returning at the conclusion of that period to his native county, he subsequently engaged in general agricultural pursuits, which he followed very successfully to the day of his death. He was a stanch Republican since the organization of that party. He was united in marriage with Miss Martha J. Smith, a native of Stratham, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Martha Fifield, was born in 1792, and lived into the middle of this century, passing away in 1854. Mr. Smith, whose birth occurred in 1790, was a militia man, and was called into service in the War of 1812. Having survived his wife over twenty years, he passed away April 27, 1875. Joseph Tilton and his wife became the parents of two children, namely: Newell S., the subject of this sketch; and Nora M., who is now the widow of Samuel P. James, a veteran of

the Civil War, and resides with her mother. The father's life, most of which had been in his native county, closed January 8, 1895. The mother, now seventy-six years old, enjoys fair health.

Newell S. Tilton attended the district school until he was ten years old, after which ill-health compelled him to remain at home for several years. At the age of twenty he applied himself to the carpenter's trade. This he did in two years, and thereafter worked at it for about half a dozen years. Returning then to the farm on account of his father's failing health, he was for a considerable time engaged in lumbering. During the past few years the paternal estate has been the chief object of his attention. The farm is an excellent one. It contains about one hundred acres, and the buildings are modern and substantial. In 1892 Mr. Tilton erected a barn that is one of the best structures of its kind in the county.

In April, 1893, Mr. Tilton was united in marriage with Miss Nellie A. Favor, of Nashua, N.H. He is widely and favorably known, and his is a familiar personality in the social gatherings of the town and vicinity. His connection with fraternal organizations includes membership in the local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Grand, in the Encampment, and in the Rebekahs for a score of years. In politics he has been a loyal Republican, being a sincere believer in the principles of that party. In religious belief he and his family are Congregationalists, and are associated with the Second Congregational Church of Exeter.

CHARLES C. RUSSELL, a thorough business man and an esteemed resident of Exeter, was born in Brookline, N.H., in 1866, son of Rufus G. and Mary A. (French) Russell. His father, also a native of this State, in his younger days carried on quite an extensive lumber business. The last years of his life were spent in farming. He was a man who took great interest in public matters, and was prominent in local affairs. His death in 1889 was a loss to the community in which he lived, as well as to his friends and relations. His estimable wife, who was a native of Massachusetts, survived until December, 1895.

Charles C. Russell was educated in the district school. His early life was spent on his father's farm, where he remained until he attained his majority. He then entered a grocery store as clerk, and continued to work in that capacity until May, 1890, at which time he purchased a grocery business here in Exeter, which he has successfully conducted since. He has now a thriving and lucrative trade. In his store may be found one of the most complete stocks of groceries in this city. In September, 1895, Mr. Russell was united in marriage with Miss Carrie McMartin, who was born in Southkill, Me.

In politics Mr. Russell is a Republican, but does not personally care for political honors, preferring to devote his time and attention to the interests of his business. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity. While not church communicants, Mr. and Mrs. Russell attend and support the Baptist church.

ALFRED D. EMERY, Judge of the police court and general business agent of Auburn, was born in North Malden, near Melrose, Mass., March 2, 1845, son of Stephen and Mary A. (Holt) Emery. His paternal grandfather, Richard Emery, was a native of Auburn, then Chester, where he earned his living by farming and the trade of wheelwright. Richard Emery was the father of seven children, of whom there are living William and Amherst, both residents of Auburn. He was a man of quiet tastes, and never cared to come before the public eye in an official capacity. He died May 28, 1837, aged fifty years and six months.

Stephen Emery, son of Richard, born in Chester, now Auburn, March 5, 1818, moved to Malden in 1839. He was a carpenter, and many of the houses in Melrose are samples of his handicraft. He married Miss Mary A. Holt, who was a native of that town, born November 5, 1820, daughter of Enoch Holt, of Andover, Merrimack County. Mr. Holt, who was a shoe merchant, is a Trustee of the

Griffen Library and Museum of Auburn, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1889. The only child of Stephen Emery's marriage was Alfred D. Stephen was a Selectman of Auburn, and took an active part in furnishing Auburn's quota of volunteers in 1861. He was a Democrat, and was interested in State and national politics. After returning to Auburn in 1860, he spent the rest of his life there, and died April 24, 1895, aged seventy-seven years, one month, and nineteen days.

Alfred D. Emery was educated in a grammar school, and in the high school of Melrose. In 1864 he began to earn his living as a clerk in one of the Boston markets. Six months after he enlisted in Company K, Eighteenth New Hampshire Volunteers, under Colonel Livermore and Captain J. A. Brown. Having served during the last year of the war, he returned home in May, 1865, and took up his residence on the old home farm at Auburn, where he has remained since. In 1864, April 17, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline F. Wood, a native of Auburn. Their children are: Sarah F., now the wife of Elmer E. French, of Candia, this county; Mary C., who is a teacher, and lives at home; Thomas, who is Postmaster at Auburn; Elvira R., also at home; Dana, now at college; and Walter, who is attending school.

Mr. Emery has served for ten successive years as a Selectman, besides one other term. He held the office of Moderator for a very long period, and was a member of the School Board for one term. He has been a Justice of the Peace for twenty years and a Notary Public for seven. In connection with the last-named capacities he has been extensively engaged in probate work for about fifteen years. His appointment to the office of Police Judge was made April 28, 1896; and on the following day he qualified and was duly installed.

He is a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Camden, and is Past Commander of Bell Post, No. 74, of Chester, Grand Army of the Republic. He is also affiliated with Massabesic Grange, No. 127, of Auburn, of which he has been Secretary for five years. Judge Emery was at one time a Democrat, but became a Republican in later years. His family attend the Methodist church.

WASHINGTON COLBY, a representative citizen of Londonderry, N.H., is a native of Brentwood, this county, born May 22, 1832. His parents were Ebenezer and Sarah (Philbrick) Colby, respectively natives of Salisbury, Mass., and Danville, N.H. The genealogy of the Colbys has been traced back to Danish ancestors flourishing in England in 1140 A.D. The founder of the American family was Anthony Colby, who came from England in 1620, and, after residing for a while in Cambridge, Mass., then settled permanently in Salisbury. The house in which he lived is still standing, somewhat changed by remodellings, and is occupied by one of his descendants, Moses L. Colby. Several of his descendants fought for independence in the Revolutionary War. John W. Colby, grandfather of Washington Colby, spent his life in Massachusetts. His son Ebenezer, who was a carpenter and a farmer, in 1852 removed to Londonderry, where he resided for the rest of his life, and died in 1886. In politics he was a Republican, in religious belief a Baptist and a member of the local society. Of his children, Albert P., Washington, and Moses F., all of Londonderry, are the survivors.

Washington Colby spent part of his childhood in Massachusetts, his parents removing to Salisbury when he was two years old. At the age of ten he went with his parents to Manchester, N.H. His education, begun in the common schools of Massachusetts, was completed in those of New Hampshire. When about sixteen years of age, he obtained work in a shoe shop in Manchester. Here he learned shoemaking, and subsequently worked at that trade in several places. He was superintendent of a shoe shop in Marlboro, Mass., for a number of years, and had charge at different times of other factories. At one time he was superintendent of the shoe manufacturing department of the Charlestown State Prison in Massachusetts. In 1884 he retired from the shoe business, and took up his resi-

dence on his farm in Londonderry, which is a well-improved property of fifty acres.

Mr. Colby was married to Arvilla Nesmith, a native of Rockingham County, daughter of Cyrus Nesmith, now deceased. Mrs. Colby died November 18, 1893, leaving one son, Frank N. In politics Mr. Colby is a Republican. He cast his first vote in Londonderry in 1852, and has not missed an election since, retaining his residence in this town, though employed elsewhere, and never losing interest in its welfare. He represented this town for two terms in the State legislature. In 1890 he was a candidate for County Commissioner on the Republican ticket, when the entire ticket was defeated in this county. He was Selectman of the town for three years, and is now one of the ballot inspectors. A Mason in high standing, Mr. Colby has been connected some forty-three years with Lafayette Lodge, No. 41, of Manchester.

JOSEPH B. COLLINS, noted throughout Rockingham County as a collector of rare and valuable relics, was born August 7, 1833, in the village of Brentwood, son of Stephen E. and Nancy (Sanborn) Collins. His paternal grandfather, David Collins, was for many years engaged in a mercantile business at Danville. In 1806 he came to Brentwood, where he and his wife spent their closing years. In his early life he learned the cooper's trade, at which he worked for a time. He was a man of considerable learning, and was interested in advancing the cause of education. In 1806 he was appointed a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Brentwood Library. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Ruthy Bean, fourteen children were born, and all grew to adult life.

Stephen E. Collins remained beneath the parental roof-tree until twenty-two years of age, when he married Miss Nancy Sanborn, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Clifford) Sanborn. Both of her parents were natives of Fremont, N.H., where they resided until their removal to Brentwood. At that time they settled on the homestead now owned by their grandson, the subject of this sketch. They had ten children, of whom Nancy was the youngest. The father was accidentally killed by being thrown from a wagon, November 24, 1834. He left but one child, Joseph B. His widow, who was an invalid for many years, passed away in 1869.

Joseph B. Collins lived with his mother until nineteen years old. He then went to New York State, and was there employed for a year in the Victory Collins Mills. After that he was employed by the Merrimac Manufacturing Company of Lowell, Mass., until 1859. He worked for the following year in Lewiston, Me., and then for some time at Lawrence, Mass., in the employment of the Everett Manufacturing Company. In 1861 he returned to Brentwood, where he remained until 1866. Then, in Lowell, Mass., he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. He conducted this enterprise successfully until 1870, when he finally returned to his present home, where he has since resided.

Mr. Collins was married June 21, 1856, to Miss Emily H. Thomas, who was born November 24, 1831, in Belmont, Me. She was the oldest of a family of thirteen children born to Hosea B. and Caroline (Allston) Thomas. In politics Mr. Collins is a Democrat. Both he and his estimable wife have been members of the Baptist church of Brentwood Corner for a score of years. He is a man of superior intelligence, well informed on current topics, and a most entertaining and instructive conversationalist. His collection of curios, begun in 1843, is the work of more than a half-century. It includes many varieties of almanacs, one of the finest displays of coins in the country, and six thousand stamps, of which no two are alike.

GEORGE F. HAYNES, the genial landlord of the Squamscot House in Exeter, was born in New Hampton, N.H., in 1856, son of George M. and Nancy (Woodman) Haynes. Jeremiah Haynes, the grandfather of George F., born December 28, 1778, in Wayland, Mass., spent his life in that State, and died there at Framingham in January, 1848. He married Miss Olive Morse, and by her became the father of three sons and two daughters. Of the number,

George M. and Nathan, who resides in Framingham, Mass., survive. Emery, the eldest, born in 1800, died in Framingham in 1894, having attained the very advanced age of ninety-four years. Eliza lived to be nearly eighty-eight years of age. Irene, who married Edwin Bursell, died at seventy-nine years of age, leaving a son and three daughters. The mother, who died April 20, 1874, nearly reached ninety-six years of age.

George M. Haynes was born in East Sudbury, now Wayland, Mass., August 17, 1812. Although on starting out in life for himself he was without cash capital, he was not lacking in energy and enterprise. Up to 1861 he was engaged in teaming from Brighton to Boston, doing a large amount of government work in connection with the Arsenal, and employing between twenty and thirty horses. He then sold his business at a good profit, and worked for a time in the employ of his successors. For the past thirty-six years he has been engaged in conducting his farm of fifty acres, which he purchased at New Hampton, Belknap County, soon after selling his teaming business. His wife, Nancy, a native of New Hampton, whom he married in 1850, was born in 1815, daughter of Thomas and Polly (Pease) Woodman. She died on January 8, 1861, leaving two children: Nathaniel P. Haynes, of New Hampton; and George F. Two other children had died in infancy. Although now eighty-one years old, the father still retains his mental and physical vigor to a remarkable degree.

George F. Haynes spent his boyhood on his father's farm, acquiring a practical common-school education. When twenty-one years of age, he came to Exeter, and for three and a half years was a student in Phillips Academy. Soon after completing his academical course, he became the manager of Gorham Hall, which he conducted for the academy for about six years. In 1889 he purchased the property, and has since conducted it as a hotel under its original name of the Squamscot. It was so called in honor of the Indian chief who, with two other chiefs, drew the deed of the land on which the town is situated, adorning the document with his portrait as well as signature. Mr. Haynes takes great pleasure in hunting, and is considered one of the best wing shots in this section.

On July 8, 1878, Mr. Haynes was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Trefethen, of Rye, N.H., a daughter of Charles and Dorothy (Marden) Trefethen. Her great-grandfather, and the Philbrick, Jenness, Rand, and Marden families were the original settlers of that town; and their little settlement was notable for the harmony maintained in it. The houses built by these pioneers have been handed down from one generation to another. Charles Trefethen became a house carpenter, and during all his active life bore the reputation of being a first-class workman and an honest builder. He is now living in retirement on the farm where he was born. On January 7, 1896, he and his good wife, a venerable couple, aged respectively seventy-eight and seventy-nine years, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Two sons and eight daughters have been born to them, of whom eight are living and have families of their own. They have twenty-three living grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They rejoice in the very unusual record that for over a half-century death has not entered their household. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have three children, as follows: Daisy C., a young lady of sixteen years, attending school and pursuing the study of music; Bessie O., who is in the class with her sister at the seminary, and has already manifested some artistic talent; and Paul, a promising lad of seven years. Mr. Haynes, following the lead of his ancestors, is a stanch Democrat, his father having voted for "Old Hickory." He has served very acceptably as Deputy Sheriff.

JOHN D. DANIELS, for several years past the Postmaster at North Nottingham, was born in Nottingham, June 17, 1839, son of Henry P. and Mehetabel F. (Demerritt) Daniels. His grandfather, Andrew A. Daniels, was a native of Barnstead, N.H., born January 31, 1780. Andrew learned the trade of a wheelwright, and worked at that and farming throughout the active years of his life. During the War of 1812 he was on duty at Fort Constitution,

Portsmouth. He was over eighty years of age when he died. His wife, Susan (Priest) Daniels, who was born in Nottingham, May 3, 1787, had four children that attained maturity. Three are now living; namely, Henry P., Ira T., and Mary Susan. Ira T., who was born in Barnstead, March 18, 1820, resides in Barrington, N.H. Mary Susan, born on October 8, 1830, is the widow of John S. Buzzell, of Barrington, N.H., and has a son and two daughters — Orin O., Lizzie, and Nellie.

Henry P. Daniels was born in Barnstead, February 23, 1809. In his boyhood he gained a practical knowledge of the common branches of study in the schools of his native town. He then engaged in farming in Durham, Strafford County; and in 1831 he came to Nottingham. Two years later he purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which he farmed until advancing age obliged him to retire from active labor. He is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Holmes. In politics he is a Democrat. He served as Selectman for several years, as Deputy Sheriff for four years, and has been Justice of the Peace for the past twenty-five years. His wife, Mehetabel, born on March 18, 1810, to whom he was married on May 27, 1832, died on December 1, 1892, eighty-two years of age. He is now eighty-eight years of age. In religious belief she was a Free Will Baptist. But two of their five children are living, namely: John D., the subject of this sketch; and Maria S., born June 2, 1842, who was married September 16, 1865, to William F. Holmes, of this town, and has two children — Frank J. and Lewis W., respectively born May 11, 1866, and January 10, 1874. Frank J. Holmes married Miss Lilla M. Lucy, daughter of Robert Lucy, of Nottingham, and has one son — Ray Earl Holmes, born November 28, 1889. Lewis W. Holmes married Miss Ada May Tuttle, daughter of Granville Tuttle, of Nottingham, and has one son — Elmer H. Holmes, born September 10, 1895.

John D. Daniels began his education in Nottingham. When he was seven years old, he removed with his parents to Great Falls, Strafford County, where his schooling was completed. In October, 1862, he enlisted for the Civil War in Company F of the Thirteenth New Hampshire Regiment, with which he served for more than three years. On his return from the war he settled in Nottingham, and for twelve years worked at the shoemaker's trade. In 1877 he established his present business, a general country store, at North Nottingham. In President Cleveland's first administration he was appointed Postmaster of this place, and has continued to hold the position since that time. Mr. Daniels was united in marriage with Miss Esther Y. Tuttle in September, 1863. She was born in Nottingham on October 18, 1837, daughter of Oliver Tuttle. Two of their four children are living, namely: Scott L., born October 16, 1866; and Emma F., born August 8, 1868. The deceased were: Fred H., born August 20, 1870, who died October 22, 1875; and Perley H., born October 2, 1877, who died February 8, 1879. Mr. Daniels, like his father, is a Democrat, and has held the office of Deputy Sheriff for six years. He is a member of the Morrison Masonic Lodge, No. 90, of Northwood, and a comrade of C. H. Hoyt Post, No. 69, Grand Army of the Republic.

CHARLES HENRY CLOUGH, City Treasurer of Portsmouth, was born in Exeter, N.H., December 8, 1840, son of John and Lydia Olive (Sanborn) Clough. John Clough was born in the vicinity of Exeter. In early boyhood he began to learn the printer's trade at Exeter, and before he attained his majority worked as a type-setter in the office of the *Christian Herald*. He was employed as a compositor in Exeter for a few years after his marriage, when he went to Boston, and there worked for a number of years in the printing-office of J. G. Torrey. The latter part of his life was spent at the home of his son, the subject of this sketch, in Portsmouth, where he died in his seventieth year. His wife, a native of Rockingham, N.H., whose maiden name was Lydia Olive Sanborn, died in Boston some time previous to her husband's demise. Of their eleven children eight attained maturity, and two are living.

Charles Henry Clough received his education in the Boston public schools. As the

second-born of a large family, many responsibilities devolved upon him. When very young, he began to assist his mother in her household duties, and at the age of eleven faced the world in order to add his mite to the home treasury. He went to work at first in a printing-office as roller boy at two dollars and a half per week. Two years later he obtained employment in a millinery store. While here, he also earned his meals at a restaurant by waiting on table at noon-time. When only seventeen years of age, he became manager of a restaurant; but, his health becoming seriously impaired, he decided to engage in trade. Following this plan, he took charge of a store in South Acton, Mass., in which he kept almost everything in general use in a family. He remained about four years in South Acton, and then engaged in the millinery business at Hudson, Mass., with his aunt, his early experience in Boston standing him in good stead. He soon added dry goods to the stock in trade, and conducted a fairly successful business for about three years. He then opened a store of the same kind in South Boston, which he managed for about a year and a half, after which he came to Portsmouth, and engaged in the millinery business. This last venture proving a marked success, he has continued in it since, and at the present time owns one of the largest and most stylish millinery establishments in the vicinity. Mr. Clough has been City Treasurer for some time. As will be gathered from the foregoing, he is a man of unusual ability, practically self-made.

In 1869 Mr. Clough was married to Lucy Munroe Rockwood, of South Boston, Mass., who died in 1873. In 1874 he entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Annie L. Shaw, a native of Newfield, Me. She is a daughter of Elijah W. and Nancy (Nealey) Shaw, and a grand-daughter of Elder Elijah Shaw, a well-known Baptist divine, and one of the early publishers of the *Christian Herald*. Mrs. Clough is a lady of ability and good taste, and much of her husband's success since locating in Portsmouth is due to her assistance and good counsel. She has given birth to one son, Charles M., who married Miss Eleanor Starbird. Mr. Clough is an Odd Fellow, having membership in Osgood Lodge, No. 48, all the chairs of which he has passed; in Strawberry Bank Encampment; in Canton Senter, No. 12, of which he is Past Grand Patriarch and Past Commander. He is also a member of Zayden Colony, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers. A Baptist in religious belief, he is Deacon of the Middle Street Church, Secretary of the society, and superintendent of the Sunday-school.

JAMES H. DOW, a popular salesman in the dry-goods store of G. B. French, of Portsmouth, is a native of this town, born February 7, 1840. Henry Dow, his grandfather, with two or three brothers, all natives of Scotland, settled in Seabrook, this county, probably among the pioneers. The older members of the family were remarkable instances of longevity. They were hard-working people, and they managed to acquire a goodly share of property. Henry Dow, who, like his ancestors, had a genius for hard work, was a prominent contractor and builder. His son, Isaac Dow, a tinsmith by trade, was reputed to be one of the best mechanics in his line in this part of the country. Isaac was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge, of which he was Secretary for thirty-five years; and of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being one of the oldest in the lodge, and having served as its Secretary for a long term of years. He was also a member and the Treasurer for some time of both the Mechanics' Fire Society and the Mechanics' Association. As a member of the Christian church, he was a most exemplary man, not being absent from divine service once in ten years; and he was just as reliable in all other relations of life. His wife bore him three children, two daughters and a son, James H.

James H. Dow, the second child of his parents, is descended from a long-lived race. In 1856 he was graduated from the Portsmouth High School, and took a position in the dry-goods store of Joseph A. Grace. Here he served ten years, being head clerk a part of the time. In 1866 he bought the fancy goods store of Isaac Hahn, and conducted it with the assiduity and enterprise characteristic of

the Scotch grit of the Dows until 1874, when he sold out to good advantage. Since that time he has confined himself to the dry-goods business exclusively; and, with the exception of six years, three spent in Concord, N. H., and three in Lowell, Mass., he has been located in Portsmouth. For two years he was with F. F. Stackpole; but since 1889 he has been in the store of G. B. French as general salesman, in which capacity he has made a very high record.

In 1891 Mr. Dow was united in matrimony with Zettie M. Bond, of Kittery Point, Me. He is a member of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined in 1866, though he is not specially interested; and he was a charter member of Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, from which he has since retired. Since 1858 he has been a member of the Christian church. Personally, he is a man of wonderful constitution, never having had occasion for the services of a doctor. He is very fond of outdoor life, and a lover of nature in all her moods. For seventeen years he has brought the first Mayflowers of the season to the newspaper offices. Mr. Dow keeps a boat, and takes great pleasure in boating, swimming, and kindred sports. His fine physique is paralleled by his mental development, which makes it easy for him to keep even with the best clerks in the world of commerce.

ALVIN WIGGIN, an enterprising agriculturist of Exeter, was born in the house that is now his residence in 1836, son of Joshua and Dorothy T. (Furneld) Wiggin. Joshua Wiggin, who was born near Exeter, and passed his entire life in the county, was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his adult years. He was a quiet, retiring citizen, of an unassuming disposition. He performed faithfully the duties and bore willingly the responsibilities devolving upon him, while he did not aspire to political or social distinction. He preferred rather to apply himself assiduously to his personal affairs, chief among which he placed the peace and comfort of his family. He passed away in 1880, mourned by all who knew him. His estimable wife, who was a native of the same county, survived him until 1887.

Alvin Wiggin grew to manhood on the home farm. He received his education in the common schools of his native town. He had the choice of pursuing a higher course, but he relinquished it in favor of his only brother, Joseph F., now a resident of Malden, Mass., who has been Judge of Probate and Mayor of Malden. Brought up to an agricultural life, he found it easy and natural to adopt farming as his chief occupation. He possesses one hundred acres of excellent land; and the farming buildings which are located thereon are substantial, and are kept in a good state of repair, thereby giving to the property a general appearance of prosperity.

In 1867 Mr. Wiggin was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. French, of North Kingston, this county. The union was blessed by four children — Joshua, Robert N., Anna Mary, and Laura Pearl. Death bereft Mr. Wiggin of the partner of his joys and sorrows in 1879. The family stands very high in the community. In fact, no family in Exeter is more esteemed. In political contests he is found in the ranks of the Democratic party.

CHARLES A. KNIGHT, a leading resident of Atkinson, was born in this town, March 28, 1847, son of Alonzo and Eunice C. (Arrison) Knight. The family for some generations have followed agricultural pursuits in Atkinson. Mr. Knight's grandfather, Samuel Knight, born here December 23, 1786, was a mason, and worked at that trade while engaged in farming on a valuable piece of agricultural property, where he resided until his death. He was an industrious man and a useful citizen, supporting the Republican party in politics during his latter years, and serving for a time as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He died at the advanced age of ninety-two. He married Elizabeth Smith, a native of Byfield, Mass., and reared a family of three children, of whom Alonzo, Mr. Knight's father, was the eldest son. The only one now living is J. H. Knight, who married Caroline

Johnson, of Atkinson. The mother lived to the age of eighty-one years.

Alonzo Knight was born in Atkinson, June 29, 1811. For some years he worked at the mason's trade in this town, but finally relinquished it for farming. He conducted the homestead farm with energy and success until his death, which occurred April 27, 1896. In politics he was a Republican, and he rendered valuable service to the town as a Selectman. He was highly respected. His wife, Eunice, was a daughter of Benjamin Arrison, of Lynn, Mass. The only child of this union is Charles A., the subject of this sketch. The mother, who is still living, resides with Mr. Knight. She is a Universalist in religious belief, and her late husband attended that church.

Charles A. Knight acquired his education in the schools of his native town. At the age of eighteen he began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade in Haverhill, Mass. He afterward followed that occupation as a journeyman until 1890, when he settled at the old homestead, and has since devoted his attention to general farming. He has a well-improved farm, which under his management is yielding large crops of a superior quality. He is a Republican in politics, having supported that party since reaching his majority. Some years since he was appointed Game Warden, a position which he still holds.

On November 26, 1868, Mr. Knight wedded Hannah J. Low, daughter of John Low, of Derry, N.H. Mrs. Knight is now the mother of two sons, namely: Frank, born August 25, 1870; and Fred M., born May 26, 1877. Mr. Knight is connected with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics of Atkinson, in which he has held all of the important offices. Both he and his wife have many friends. They attend the Universalist church.

ABRAHAM P. WENDELL, of the firm of A. P. Wendell & Co., Portsmouth, dealers in painters' supplies, cutlery, and sporting goods, is one of the representative citizens of this city. He was born in Portsmouth, February 16, 1844, son of Abraham Q. and Olivia (Simes) Wendell. The history of the family, compiled by one of its members, is the authority given below.

Evert Jansen Wendell, who was born in Embden, Holland, in 1615, came to America in 1640, and settled in the Dutch colony which had located on the site of New York City. He was a man of character, and filled various offices of trust, serving as magistrate in 1660–61. His son, Johannes Wendell, a large property owner and an influential citizen, was Captain in the militia in 1685, Alderman of Albany, and Magistrate for some time in that city. Abraham, the son of Johannes, was in business as a merchant in Boston for a number of years; and John, the son of Abraham, was a merchant and importer in that city. John was also active in public affairs, was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1733, and Captain of the company in 1740. His son John was the founder of the Portsmouth branch of the family. He entered Harvard at the age of fifteen, graduated in 1750, and received the degree of A.M. from Yale and Dartmouth Colleges respectively in 1768 and 1773. A lawyer of note, he practised in Portsmouth for a number of years, was a large land-owner, and, like his father, was one of the Commanders of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston. His death occurred in Portsmouth, April 29, 1808, in his seventy-seventh year. He first married Sarah, eldest daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth F. Wentworth, of Portsmouth, and sister of Eben Wentworth. Eleven children were born of this union. By his second wife, a lady of Portsmouth, whose maiden name was Sarah Sherbourne, eight children were added to the number of his offspring. Jacob, the sixth of these, was the great-grandfather of Abraham P. He was born in Portsmouth, December 10, 1788. A merchant and importer for many years in the Russian and West Indian trade, he acquired a handsome fortune. In 1815, with his brother Isaac, he established some of the earliest cotton-mills in New Hampshire, purchasing several water privileges through Daniel, and erecting the pioneer factory of

the Great Falls corporation. Their large business ventures were made at a critical time in the financial life of the nation, and they failed in the panic of 1827. Jacob Wendell was a man of broad culture. He took much interest in antiquarian researches, and was a corresponding member of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society, which he joined in 1847. Jacob Wendell was a member of the South Parish Church of Portsmouth. He died August 27, 1865. His wife, who was Mehitable Rindge, of Portsmouth, bore him six children.

Abraham Wendell, the grandfather of our subject, was a ship chandler, and kept a general store at the corner of State and Water Streets, Portsmouth. For some years he was in company with his brother Jacob, under the firm name of A. & J. Wendell. After the partnership was dissolved, he removed to Bow Street, where he had a hardware store, and was engaged in ship chandlery up to within a few months of his death. His busy life ended at the age of eighty years. The children reared by him and his wife were: Daniel D., Jacob L., Abraham Q., Harvey F., John S., Gardner, Susan, and Valiria. Susan is now residing on the old homestead. Valiria is the widow of Edwin A. Peterson, who was a member of the firm of E. A. Peterson & Co., carpet dealers, the other member being his brother Archibald, a prominent merchant of New York. Edwin A. Peterson was President of the New Hampshire National Bank for eight years. The youngest daughter, Ann, who was a talented musician, died in young womanhood.

Abraham Q. Wendell, the father of Abraham P., was educated in the private school of William C. Harris, whose monument, erected to his memory by his pupils, is standing to-day in Portsmouth. His early business training was acquired while working as clerk for five years in the store conducted by Goddard & Pickering, and their successors, Richard Jenness, President of the Merchants' and Traders' Bank of Portsmouth. Aided by Mr. Jenness, he opened a hardware store of his own March 1, 1834, having bought his stock in Boston, to which he travelled by stage. He conducted a successful business till 1874, when at the earnest solicitation of his sons he retired, leaving them in charge. Always strong in mind and body, he rarely took a vacation. He was a Jacksonian Democrat, Andrew Jackson being his first Presidential choice. He was elected to the State legislature four times in succession, served on the School Committee intermittently for twenty years, and on the High School Committee for four years. As a member of the Portsmouth High School Building Committee, associated with Isaiah Wilson, he selected the plan of the building. He was a charter member of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, founded in 1844, passed through all the chairs, was a Trustee for a number of years, and was a delegate to the Grand Lodge. A member of the Universalist church, he was Warden for several years, and served on various committees. He died at the age of seventy, May 23, 1882. His wife, a daughter of George Simes, of Portsmouth, was an expert musician, and could play difficult pieces from memory when eighty years old. She was the mother of six children, namely: Annie M., wife of Harvey C. Rich, a wholesale fish dealer in Boston; Olivia, who died in childhood; Abraham P., whose name appears at the head of this article; Olivia, second, who lived but a short time; Abram Q., a commission merchant of Boston, who resides in Winthrop, Mass.; and Henry, the junior member of the firm of A. P. Wendell & Co.

Abraham P. Wendell was born in Portsmouth, February 16, 1844, and graduated from the Portsmouth High School in 1858. While attending school, he worked in his father's store afternoons, grinding paint and mixing putty. After his graduation he was employed there as clerk, in which capacity he worked until 1862, when he obtained a position as salesman and book-keeper in the hardware store of Brooks & Darling, of Dock Square, Boston. The senior member of this firm was the father of the late Phillips Brooks. He was subsequently in the employ of Joseph West & Co. Yielding to the wishes of his father, he returned home in the summer of 1863, and thereafter served as clerk in the Portsmouth store until March, 1866, when he was admitted to partnership, the firm name becoming A. Q.

Wendell & Son. When his father retired in 1874, Mr. Wendell took his brother Henry into partnership, changing the business name to A. P. Wendell & Co., the present form. The brothers have commanded an extensive trade from the beginning. Their establishment occupies four floors and a basement, and they have a large and well-selected stock.

Mr. Wendell was married November 26, 1867, to Ruth A., daughter of Stephen Osgood, of Salisbury Point, now a part of the town of Amesbury, Mass. Stephen Osgood, who was a calker by trade, worked in the navy yard on many of the old war-ships. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell have three children: Grace C., wife of Herbert P. Pattison, a commission grocery merchant of Boston; Fannie P., a graduate of the Portsmouth High School; and Ruth A., now studying there, both residing with their parents. The father votes the Democratic ticket. As a member of the City Council, he was instrumental in passing the sewer bill. In 1893 and 1894 he was Alderman from Ward 2, and he was a member of the Board of Instruction for eight years. He belongs to Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs; to Damon Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias, in which he has been Chief Master and Past Commander; to Massasoit Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men; to Alpha Council, No. 83, Royal Arcanum, of which he is P. R.; and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of which he is Receiver. He is a prominent member of the Universalist church, and has been Warden for some time.

JOSEPH STOPFORD, a well-known farmer of Newington, was born April 11, 1841, in Lincolnshire, England. His parents, Samuel J. and Harriet (Ogden) Stopford, had eight children, six sons and two daughters. He remained with his parents until 1863. Then he came to this country, locating in Salem, Mass., where he worked in the cotton-mills. In the fall of 1864 he went to Illinois. While here, he enlisted as a private in Company C of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry. After serving his adopted country in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, and Kentucky, he received his discharge on June 26, 1865. For a short time thereafter he was in Newtonville, Mass., going thence to Biddeford, Me., where he was employed in a cotton-mill. Five years later he made another visit to Illinois, returning again to Biddeford. In 1880 he moved to a fine farm of one hundred and five acres in the town of Newington, where he continues to carry on general farming. In politics Mr. Stopford affiliates with the Democratic party. He has officiated on the School Board for two years, and he is a member of a Masonic Order.

On July 15, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jones, a native of England. They have three children — Byron M., Joseph M., and Angeline C. Stopford, all of whom are living with their parents, leading a pleasant country life upon the farm.

JOSIAH CALEF EASTMAN, M.D., of Hampstead, born in Loudon, N.H., April 22, 1811, is a son of Dr. Joseph and Miriam (Calef) Eastman, grandson of Timothy and Abigail (Gale) Eastman, and a great-grandson of Colonel Gale of East Kingston, and of the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and governor of New Hampshire, 1790-94. Joseph Eastman, who was graduated from Dartmouth Medical College in 1806, died at Meredith, N.H., at the age of thirty-three years.

Josiah Calef Eastman, M.D., obtained his preliminary schooling at the Kingston and the Atkinson Academies in this State and the Saco Academy in Maine. After teaching in the district schools for some time, he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. L. S. Bartlett and Dr. T. Bassett, both of Kingston, N.H. He afterward attended three courses of lectures at Dartmouth Medical College, and was graduated M.D. therefrom in 1837. Dr. Eastman practised medicine for a time at New Market, N.H. About 1839 he located at Hampstead, where he has since pursued his profession when not in the military service. In August, 1861, he was appointed by Governor Berry Surgeon of the Fourth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, with the

rank of Major. He was in service with the regiment at Washington, Annapolis, Port Royal, Hilton Head, St. Augustine, and Jacksonville. In 1863 he resigned his commission on account of illness in his family, and returned to Hampstead. Soon after this he declined the offer of the Colonelcy of a regiment. This was the second opportunity he had of entering upon a military career. When a youth, he was chosen by the Hon. Levi Woodbury for a cadetship at West Point Military Academy, when the opposition of his widowed mother prevented its acceptance.

Dr. Eastman is one of the oldest members of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and was its President in 1860. He is also a member of the Rockingham Medical Society and American Medical Association, having held the Presidency of the former organization for some time; and he was one of the three representatives of New Hampshire at the International Medical Congress held at Philadelphia in 1876. Dr. Eastman has been twice nominated for Councillor for his district, and he was a delegate to the national conventions which nominated General McClellan and the Hon. Horatio Seymour for the Presidency. In 1845 he was County Treasurer of Rockingham County, declining renomination in 1847. He represented Hampstead in the legislature in 1847–50, and was Democratic State Senator in 1853–54. In 1849, while a member of the legislature, Dr. Eastman introduced a bill entitled "An act providing for the establishment of public libraries," which became a law under the signature of Governor Dinsmore; and New Hampshire was the first State in the Union to empower towns and cities to maintain free public libraries by taxation, as a result of the passage of that bill. He was largely instrumental in the building of the Nashua & Rochester Railroad, and has served as a Director since its completion.

On May 3, 1841, Dr. Eastman was first married to Miss Ann A., daughter of Captain Leonard and Elizabeth Gregg (Warner) Wilson. Captain Wilson was a veteran of the War of 1812. Dr. Eastman's children are: Mary Bartlett, the wife of Lavosier Hill, of New York City; and Miss Ella Eastman. His second marriage was contracted February 5, 1860, with Miss Mary Helen, daughter of Dr. Jerome and Mary (Tewksbury) Harris, of Amesbury, Mass. Their children are: Josiah Bartlett and Susie A. Eastman.

BENJAMIN F. CRAWFORD, one of the oldest farmers of Nottingham, was born here October 27, 1815, son of John and Mary (Furber) Crawford. John Crawford, born January 23, 1785, in Auburn, then Chester, N.H., learned the trade of a hatter in Chester, and subsequently followed it there and in Nottingham, whither he came when sixteen years of age. In 1829 he purchased the farm now occupied by his son. It then contained about seventy acres of land; and, under his careful management, it yielded a comfortable living for himself and family. In the War of 1812 he served as a private. Having lived to be over eighty years of age, he died in Nottingham in 1865. In politics he was a Democrat, was very active in local affairs, and represented his town in the State legislature in 1840–41. He was twice married, first on November 2, 1806, to Miss Drusilla Davis, by whom he had one child, Lydia. His second marriage, contracted with Miss Mary Furber, a daughter of Joshua Furber, of Northwood, N.H., took place April 7, 1811. Five children blessed the union, but the only survivor is Benjamin F. The mother died in 1857. Both parents were liberal in their ideas of religion.

Benjamin F. Crawford received his schooling here in Nottingham. Upon leaving school, he went to Manchester, N.H., where he was employed for twelve years. Then he returned to Nottingham, and took charge of the farm of which he later became the owner, and has since carried on with profit. On October 27, 1842, he was married to Miss Tamson Evans, a daughter of Levi Evans, of Barrington, N.H. Two of their five children are living, namely: Olive, born February 18, 1846, who is now the wife of William L. Caswell, of Northwood, and has two children — Arthur and Percy; and Arabel H., born October 6, 1858, who is the wife of Horace E. Thompson, of Nottingham, and also has two children — Frank M. and Laurace A. Mrs. Crawford died February 22,

1880, sixty-three years of age. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church, of which Mr. Crawford is a Deacon, and one of its most active supporters. In political affiliation Mr. Crawford is a Republican. He served on the Board of Selectmen in 1889 and 1890, being Chairman in the latter year. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., of Manchester, N.H.

JOHN A. HOLT, the owner of a large shoe factory in East Candia, is justly regarded as a public benefactor. Not only does he furnish employment to a number of the residents, but it was chiefly through his influence that the post-office and railway station were established here. At a considerable outlay he has also greatly improved the water supply of the village. This he accomplished by erecting a large tank having a capacity of seven thousand gallons, and by piping the streets in a way to supply a large portion of the village with water.

The founder of the Holt family in this country came from England, and settled in Andover, Mass. The grandfather of John A. located in Bethel, Me., where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He married, and became the father of thirteen children, all now deceased. Uriah Holt, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Waterford, Me., and spent his life there, profitably engaged in tilling the soil. Although he took much interest in public affairs, he never accepted office. In politics he was a Republican; in religion, a communicant of the Baptist church. His death occurred in May, 1872, when sixty-eight years old. He married Miss Mary Bell, of Albany, Me.; and of the ten children born of the union seven are living, namely: George H., of Crookston, Minn.; Sarah G., the wife of John L. Fitts, of Hammond, Wis.; John A., the subject of this sketch; Maria A., the wife of Adelma Brown, of Peabody, Mass.; Elvira I., the wife of George A. Gammon, of Lynn, Mass.; Lizzie M., residing with her mother in Lynn; and Helen C., the wife of Edward P. Wagner, also of Lynn.

John A. Holt, born in Albany, Me., November 20, 1846, spent his early years as a student of the common and high schools of Waterford. He then went to Wisconsin, and for two years was there employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store. Returning to the East, he located in Raymond, N.H., and engaged in the millinery and dry-goods business with A. B. Smith, under the style of Smith & Holt. Three years later Mr. Holt sold out, and took up the shoe business on contract. This he closed out after two years, and went to work in the shoe shop of F. M. Hoyt, with whom he remained two years. In 1884 he came to East Candia, and established his present business, in which he has been remarkably successful. At the start the business was carried on in a small building twenty feet square, and but a dozen hands were employed. With the lapse of time and the increased demand for his goods, larger quarters and more hands became necessary; and three additions have since been made to the original premises, making them now forty by sixty feet in ground area and two stories in height, while forty-five persons are employed. The business is conducted on a contract basis. After the first two years Mr. Holt received J. F. Holt into partnership, making the firm name J. A. & J. F. Holt.

J. F. Holt sold his interest to his partner at the end of four years, since which time John A. has carried on the business alone. He manufactures ladies' slippers exclusively, and sells for the trade in Haverhill, Mass. Although, as stated above, this is a contract shop, the proprietor makes yearly between two and three hundred cases of his own.

In August, 1871, Mr. Holt was united in marriage with Miss Myra F. Proctor, of Waterford, Me. Their only child, Helen P. Holt, is attending school in Candia. In politics Mr. Holt is a Democrat. While a resident of Raymond, he was a member of the Board of Selectmen for two terms, serving one term as Chairman; and he was the Postmaster of East Candia two years. His connection with fraternal organizations comprises membership in Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia; Trinity Commandery, Knights Templars; Junietta Lodge, No. 47, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Granite Encampment, No. 14, of Raymond. He is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

ELIJAH SANBORN, of Raymond, who has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the larger part of his long and honorable life, was born April 27, 1819, in the town of Fremont, this county, a son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Bean) Sanborn, both natives of Danville, N.H. Ebenezer Sanborn was a shoemaker and a tanner by trade, and worked at both callings in his native town for many years. He removed to the town of Fremont in the early part of the present century, and there bought the homestead now owned and occupied by his son David.

In September, 1862, Mr. Sanborn enlisted as a musician in Company K, Fifteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain Hall under Colonel Kingman. Going to the South with his regiment, he remained until the expiration of his term of service, when in 1863 he was discharged at Concord, N.H. After his return he spent some time in travelling through different parts of the country, making a stay in the West for quite a while. He then purchased his present farm in Raymond township, where he has since been engaged in its cultivation and improvement, his success fully equalling his expectations in this line. He carries on general farming, and is likewise largely interested in fruit-growing, a branch of the business in which he has always been especially interested, finding it both pleasant and profitable. He is a steadfast Republican in politics, and he is a valued member of Chester Post, No. 74, Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Sanborn has been four times married. His first wife, in maidenhood Alvira Sanborn, of Chester, this State, died three years after marriage, having had two children, who both died in infancy. His second marriage was contracted with Clara M. Sanborn, a sister of his first wife. She died in 1858, having given birth to a son, Horace, who died in childhood. On the third occasion Mr. Sanborn married Mrs. Mary F. Bickford Beck, a native of Northwood, who died in 1877, leaving no issue. By his fourth marriage he was united with Miss Lydia Wallace, a native of Raymond township, whose companionship now cheers his declining years. They live in comfortable ease on their pleasant homestead, esteemed by all who have the honor of their acquaintance.

GEORGE A. BOYNTON, of North Hampton, N.H., at whose pleasant home near Little Boar's Head the summer vacationist may find rest and quiet recreation, was born in Thornton, Grafton County, N.H., February 16, 1845. His parents were John and Elmira (Smith) Boynton.

The founders of the Boynton family in America settled in Essex County, Massachusetts, upward of two hundred and fifty years ago. An association of their posterity has been formed, which holds periodical reunions; and it is expected that a Boynton genealogy, which has been in course of preparation for a number of years, will shortly be published. Thomas Boynton, grandfather of Mr. George A. Boynton, was a native of Weare, N.H. From the history of that town we learn that Moses Boynton removed to Weare from Andover, Mass., in 1782, he having previously served in the Revolution, and that he and his wife Mary had nine children. Their fifth child, Thomas Boynton, was born in 1785. He settled in Thornton, where he had a large farm on which he spent many years of labor, the land being new when he took possession of it. He was a carpenter by trade, and built a commodious and substantial house on his land, with the long sloping roof peculiar to the architecture of that day. He lived to an advanced age. Grandfather Boynton married a Miss Davis, and reared ten children — Moses, David, John, Chandler, Royal, Sally, Polly, Hannah, Harriet, and Lydia.

John Boynton in his youth made the most of the educational opportunities offered by the district school, and he afterward had some experience in teaching in his native town. Though he never learned a trade, he was a good carpenter; and he was employed in that capacity in Lowell, Mass., for a number of years. Returning at length to Thornton, he purchased a farm of one hundred acres, which he subsequently sold, removing in 1856 to Hill, Merrimack County, N.H., and buying a place there. He remained in Hill until 1881,



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when he went to live with his son, at whose home he died at the age of seventy-four. Mr. John Boynton was a member of the Baptist church, with which his family was prominently identified, one of his brothers being a clergyman of that denomination, and one of his sisters the wife of a clergyman. Mrs. John Boynton was the daughter of Josiah Smith, of Sandwich, N.H. She and her husband reared three children: Solon M., now a resident of Portsmouth, N.H., who married Emma Mortimer, and has two children — Carrie and Barbara; Clara (deceased), who was the wife of James F. Nelson; and George A., the direct subject of this sketch. Mrs. Nelson left no children.

George A. Boynton in his early years attended the district school in his native town, the academy at Hill, and the Georgetown High School. After leaving school, he was for a while in the employ of an optician; and he then served an apprenticeship of two years in the carriage works at Manchester belonging to B. J. Currier. The following year he was in the same work at Merrimack, Mass.; and in 1871 he settled in North Hampton, and opened a house for summer boarders, which has proved popular and successful.

In 1871 Mr. Boynton was united in marriage with Abbie L., daughter of Michael and Elizabeth S. (Scammon) Dalton, of North Hampton. They have four children—May E., Beatrice A., Blanche, and Dalton.

In politics Mr. Boynton is a Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1868. He is actively interested in educational matters, and has served on the School Board of North Hampton for five years.

HON. GEORGE WOODBURY BROWN, a prosperous merchant of Deerfield Parade, N.H., was born in Deerfield, N.H., August 11, 1870, a son of Joseph T. and Mary E. (Batchelder) Brown. His great-grandfather, Moses, who was a son of Joseph Brown, was a native of Kensington, N.H.

Stephen Brown, son of Moses, and grandfather of George W., was born in Andover, N.H., April 12, 1803. He studied medicine with his brother Thomas, and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1828. After obtaining his diploma, he began practice in Nottingham. He subsequently removed to Raymond, and still later to Deerfield, where he spent the greater part of his life. One of the most popular physicians of his locality, he had a large practice, and was well known throughout Rockingham County. Besides attending to his professional work, he successfully managed a tavern in Deerfield for thirty years. He retired from practice at the age of seventy-three, and died April 11, 1877, at the age of seventy-four, lacking but one day. He was married in 1830 to Mary Reynolds, of Lee, who died in 1842, at the age of thirty-nine, leaving the following children: Moses, who married Susan R. James, and has two children — Mary L. and Charles S.: his wife dying, he married in 1893 Esther Wheeler, of Epping; Joseph T., father of the subject of this sketch; Mary A.; and Martha A. In 1843 the Doctor was united in matrimony to Miriam F., a daughter of Colonel Samuel Collins. The second Mrs. Brown died in 1878. She had one daughter — Sarah C., who died at the age of twenty-six. Though Dr. Brown accumulated wealth, his heart was large; and he showed his love for the Congregational church, of which he and Mrs. Brown were members, by his constant support, and lastly by his gift of a valuable, rich-toned bell to the meeting-house, and by bequeathing one thousand dollars to the Congregational society for the support of the gospel. Mrs. Brown also gave the church an organ.

Joseph T. Brown, father of the gentleman whose name begins this article, was born in Deerfield, June 28, 1833. He attended school at Pembroke Academy, and afterward taught hard country schools successfully. He also worked in Boston, Mass. A farmer by choice, he spent most of his life in Deerfield, finding in the cultivation of his fields and the care of his herds occupation for mind and body. In 1862 he was married to Mary E., daughter of Deacon Thomas J. Batchelder, of Deerfield. She died January 15, 1887, at the age of forty-nine, leaving the following children: Cora M., who was born September 3, 1866; George W.,

the subject of this sketch; and Thomas S., born May 30, 1878. The father died March 28, 1895. He and his wife were among the most useful members of the Congregational church until the Master called them home. In politics he was a strong Republican.

Their son, George Woodbury Brown, was educated in the Deerfield public schools and at Coe's Northwood Academy at Northwood, being graduated from the last-named institution in 1891. After his graduation he taught in private and public schools with success; but, desiring to try mercantile life, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Morse & Stanley at Centre Harbor, N.H. In 1894 the failing health of his father caused him to give up his position at Centre Harbor; and in 1895, in company with John M. Kelsey, he opened a store at Deerfield Parade, under the firm name of Brown & Kelsey. With a well-selected stock of general merchandise, the firm commands a flourishing trade; and Mr. Brown, though one of the youngest, is one of the most successful merchants in this part of the county. He is a member of the Congregational church. In politics he is a strong Republican; and in November, 1894, he was elected Representative to the General Court from his native town. Although the New Hampshire house was mostly made up of young men, Mr. Brown was one of the youngest, being only twenty-four years old. His portrait, which appears on a neighboring page, will interest many readers of this volume.

ABNER MERRILL was for many years prominent in the business affairs of Exeter, N.H., and for a considerable portion of this century his name was well known in trade circles. He was born in Newbury, Essex County, Mass., April, 1791, a son of Enoch and Temperance Merrill. His father was among the prosperous and thrifty farmers of the town. The early family history of the Merrills in this country dates back to 1636, when two brothers emigrated from England, and located in Newbury the first year after the incorporation of the town; and it is believed that all the old settled branches of the family in this country at the present day are descended from the above-named source. At any rate, the descent of the subject of this sketch can readily be traced from one of those two brothers.

Abner Merrill passed his early boyhood upon his father's farm, and at the age of fourteen years he apprenticed to the hatter's trade in Newbury. Soon after reaching his majority, he came to Exeter, N.H., where he established himself in the hat manufacturing business in the year 1813. This he followed successfully for a period of more than sixty years. In the early part of his business life he began to deal in wool, in which he developed a large trade, finally making the manufacture of hats a secondary part of his business. His career, which was marked throughout by ability, industry, and honesty, was a long one; for he looked after his affairs to the very last, though he was eighty-six years old when called by death to rest from his labors. In the direction of financial matters he evinced such keenness of perception and such conservative judgment that he had the confidence of all who knew him, and was for many years a Director and President of the Granite State Bank of Exeter. In politics he was originally a Whig; and, when the Republican party was formed, he naturally entered its ranks. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist.

Mr. Merrill married Miss Sally W. Leavitt, a daughter of Major Jeremiah Leavitt, of Exeter, a man somewhat prominent in public matters, and who held in his lifetime many offices of trust in the town. Mrs. Abner Merrill died in 1871, in her eighty-second year. She was the mother of a large family, one daughter and seven sons, all of whom lived to the age of threescore years and upward, no death, it is stated, occurring in the immediate family household to sever family ties for more than fifty years. When Mr. Merrill turned his attention to the wool trade, he soon found in his own family capable agents to intrust with his enlarged business; and three of his sons became associated with him under the firm name of Abner Merrill & Sons. The business continued under the name of Abner Merrill & Sons until 1883, when it was terminated by the death of Benjamin L. Merrill, the last surviving member

of the firm. Abner Merrill's children were respectively named as follows: Mary E., Jeremiah L., Joseph W., Charles A., Benjamin L., Abner L., Henry R., and David W. Merrill.

Mary E. Merrill married Alfred Conner, of Exeter, and died November 6, 1894, aged seventy-seven years, leaving no children. Jeremiah L. Merrill, who was a lifelong resident of Exeter, was associated with his father in business, and died March 8, 1879, aged sixty years. He married Mary E. Moses, a daughter of Theodore Moses, of Exeter, and reared one son, Joseph W. Merrill, Jr., who has his home at Exeter, and married Louise Clement Lane, a daughter of Joshua J. Lane, of Stratham, N.H. Joseph W. Merrill, the second son of Abner Merrill, was also associated with his father in business. He married Emeline A. Shute, a daughter of Robert Shute, of Exeter, and died in January, 1879, aged fifty-nine years, leaving one son, Charles H. Merrill, now a resident of Exeter. Charles A. Merrill, the third son of Abner Merrill, born February, 1822, was engaged in the apothecary business in his native town. He never married. His death occurred in 1886, aged sixty-four years. Benjamin L. Merrill, the fourth son of Abner Merrill, was a member of the firm of Abner Merrill & Sons, and a lifelong resident of Exeter. He was born February 12, 1824. He died in February, 1883, and with his death ended the long existing business of Abner Merrill & Sons. He married Achsah M. Blood, a daughter of James Blood, of Newburyport, Mass., and reared two children: Ella M., wife of George L. Ilsley, of Exeter; and Frank Abner Merrill. The latter married Carrie Scott, of Wyoming, Ill., and now resides in Boston.

Abner L. Merrill, the fifth son of Abner Merrill, was born January, 1826. He prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, and was graduated from the classical department of Harvard College in the class of 1846. He at first thought to adopt a profession, studied medicine in the office of Dr. William Perry at Exeter, and graduated from the Medical Department of Harvard College in 1849; but, after practising as a physician in Newburyport for a short time, he relinquished professional life, and engaged in mercantile business in Newburyport, which he there followed for a period of six years. In 1857 he removed to Boston, and became associated with his brother, Henry R. Merrill, as wholesale dealers in drugs, paints, and oils, which business was carried on for many years under the firm name of Merrill Brothers. In 1885 he retired from this business, and since then he has given his attention to private affairs. He married Harriett M. Robinson, a daughter of Jeremiah L. Robinson, of Exeter, and has no children.

Henry R. Merrill, the sixth son of Abner Merrill, was born in October, 1828. He prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy; but having the hereditary bent for mercantile life, instead of adopting a profession, he engaged in trade. He was in business at Exeter until 1852, and later in the wholesale drug, paint, and oil business in Boston, retiring from active mercantile pursuits in 1890. His present residence is Boston. He married Martha J. Elliot, a daughter of Edmund Elliot, of Exeter, and has one child — Sarah Helen, who is the wife of Frank W. Hunt, of Boston. Abner Merrill's seventh and youngest son, David W. Merrill, was born in 1830, and has passed his life in Exeter, his native town. He married Mary, daughter of Emery Coffin, of Newburyport, and has three children — Florence, Sarah E., and Harry Merrill.

The family of Merrills in Exeter, brought up and educated under the common sense and practical influences of the earlier days, have been sturdy, active, and influential men in all of the walks of life, and evidence the great benefit of early careful and methodical training as the sure winners of success and prosperity.

CORNELL S. FRANKLIN, a retired naval officer of customs, residing in Portsmouth, was born December 6, 1812, in New York City, where he was also bred and educated. His parents were John and Charity (Cornell) Franklin, who had six sons and six daughters. He believes, as he laughingly asserts, that he has more nephews and nieces than any man in America. His

genealogy is traced back to Benjamin Franklin's brother, who commanded a regiment of cavalry before the Revolution. His grandmother was twice married, and both her husbands were officers in the American army.

At the age of fourteen he entered upon a seafaring life, in which he continued eight years. During the following two years he was associated in a commercial enterprise with one of his brothers-in-law in Florida. On his return to his native city Mr. Franklin entered the United States naval service, with which he was connected for nearly forty years, having for three years of that time the rank of an officer. No man in the service was considered more conversant with its details and duties than he, and no official was more esteemed and respected.

Upon the solicitation of his uncle, Robert C. Cornell, he was appointed in 1840 as entry clerk by Thomas Lord, and subsequently retained in the same office by Cornelius Bogards, Jeremiah Towle, and by Governor Michael Hoffman. Politicians could not agree upon a successor to Mr. Hoffman (who died in office); and at the request of prominent merchants the President appointed Mr. Franklin Naval Officer *ad Interim*, and sent him a commission. He gave bonds of ten thousand dollars, and served nearly three months in that capacity, when Philip Honé was appointed, who made Mr. Franklin his Special Deputy. Mr. Honé, dying in office, was succeeded by Ausburn Birdsall, of Northampton, N.Y., who renewed Mr. Franklin's appointment of Special Deputy. David A. Bokee, of New York, was next appointed; and Mr. Franklin was continued by him in the same capacity. Moses F. Odell, of Brooklyn (ex-Congressman), succeeded Mr. Bokee; and he retained Mr. Franklin as Special Deputy. Mr. Odell dying soon after his appointment, the merchants of New York in a "Monster Petition" applied for Mr. Franklin's appointment to the vacant post, and President Johnson sent his name to the Senate. His confirmation was opposed by Senator Roscoe Conkling on the ground that the President had "promised" to appoint his friend, Mr. Usher. Mr. Franklin went to Washington, and had an interview with Mr. Conkling. The Senator would not yield, but assured him that he should not be superseded. He kept the promise, and Mr. Franklin retained his position many months, serving under General E. A. Merritt, who was next appointed, and Heman I. Redfield. He also served as Special Deputy under John Romeyn Brodhead, the historian. In 1880 Mr. Franklin resigned, receiving the cordial thanks of General Merritt for "the great aid you rendered me in assuming the duties of my office." Coming to Portsmouth, he took up his residence here, and is now passing his days in quiet contentment. Although not physically strong, his mental faculties are keen and vigorous, and his memory remains unimpaired.

In March, 1837, Mr. Franklin was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Louisa, daughter of Captain Lewis Barnes, of Portsmouth, by the Rev. Dr. Burroughs, at St. John's Episcopal Church, of which he is one of the oldest and most valued members. The only child born of the union was a daughter, who was baptized by Dr. Burroughs, and who subsequently died at sea. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin had a happy wedded life of fifty-seven years, celebrating in March, 1887, their golden wedding, at which Mr. Hovey was the officiating minister, their pleasant residence on Middle Street being the scene of the festivities. Mrs. Franklin died December 10, 1894. Mr. Franklin's dwelling is a fine old mansion, which he preserves as far as possible in its Colonial style, it being one of the landmarks of the city. The interior is full of interest to the lovers of art and curios. Among its noteworthy attractions is the front hall, which was hung eighty years ago with paper illustrating different scenes in Scott's "Lady of the Lake," the whole being in a fine state of preservation.

BENJAMIN CHASE, a well-known manufacturer of Derry, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in 1832, in that part of Chester, in the same county, which has since been incorporated as Auburn, his parents being Benjamin and Hannah (Hall) Chase.

He is of English extraction, the names of four generations of the family being recorded

in the parish of Chesham, Bucks County, England. Two of the last there registered, Thomas and Aquila Chase, brothers, emigrated to America, and were among the original settlers of Hampton, N.H., in 1639. In 1646 Aquila removed to Newbury, Mass.; and from there his descendants in the early generations migrated to the newer parts of New England. Probably a majority of the Chases of the Northern States, who are now very numerous, and many of whom have become men of note, are lineal descendants of Aquila Chase, of Newbury. Wells Chase, of the fifth generation in this country, removed to Chester, N.H., in 1771. His son, Benjamin Pike Chase, a native of West Newbury, Mass., was then nine years of age. He grew to manhood in Chester, and there participated prominently in town affairs. Religiously, he was affiliated with the Presbyterian church, which he served in the honorable and responsible capacity of Deacon.

Benjamin Chase, son of Benjamin P. Chase, was born in 1799. Though his schooling was very limited, by perseverance he acquired a fair education. He became an energetic and successful millwright, and made many improvements over the saw-mills and grist-mills preceding his time. He was also much employed in surveying land in Chester and the vicinity, and in addition to these lines of activity he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1826 he wedded Miss Hannah Hall, a daughter of Moses K. Hall, of Chester. Her original English ancestor in this country, Deacon Richard Hall, settled in Bradford, Mass., as early as 1673. The union of Benjamin and Hannah Chase was blessed in the birth of three children, two daughters and one son, the direct subject of the present sketch.

In early manhood Benjamin Chase, Sr., embraced the principle of total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic spirits as a beverage, also becoming an earnest advocate of peace sentiments as opposed to war; and, when William Lloyd Garrison initiated his great campaign against negro slavery in the South, he likewise became a thorough-going Abolitionist, and participated very actively in the movement. In 1869 he published his "History of Chester, N.H., from 1719 to Date," which is generally conceded to be one of the most valuable of the records concerning the sturdy pioneers who populated this part of New Hampshire. In religious belief and sympathy he was identified with the Presbyterian church of Chester, in which he officiated as Deacon, as had his father before him. Deacon Benjamin Chase was an enterprising and industrious citizen. He followed as his motto the Scriptural injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." He was universally recognized in his broad circle of acquaintance as a man of sterling character. He was a lifelong resident of that part of Chester which is now known as Auburn, where he passed away in 1889 in his ninetieth year, his wife also attaining the same age.

The longevity of the family of Chase is quite remarkable. For six successive generations the heads of families in the direct line of this branch have lived beyond the "threescore and ten years"; and in the family circle of Mr. Chase's grandfather the average age of seven members was above eighty-four years, with one member now living on the old homestead in his ninety-third year.

Benjamin Chase, son of Deacon Benjamin, and the only surviving member of his father's family, grew to manhood on the paternal estate in Auburn, enjoying in his boyhood and youth the usual intellectual advantages offered by the district schools. He subsequently attended for several winter terms a select school at Lee, N.H., where he profited by the instruction of that magnetic and progressive educator, the late Moses A. Cartland. With only brief interruptions, he co-operated with his father in the work on the farm and in the millwright business until his twenty-first year. His distaste for agricultural pursuits being early recognized, he was not only allowed, but encouraged by his father, in a very free use of mechanical tools in the workshop. He accordingly developed considerable skill in that line; and at the age of fifteen, in order to replenish the family exchequer, he began to ply mechanical pursuits by the day. At the termination of his period of schooling he gratified the craving felt by many a lad to go to sea, taking a voyage before the mast

to Mobile, and thence to Liverpool, England. This experience he now considers was a very practical and beneficial graduation into life's higher school. On his return he performed further mechanical service in conjunction with his father until 1855, after which he was employed as a millwright in various textile manufactories in New Hampshire and Massachusetts till 1867, when he commenced business in Derry, in a line of work connected with the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods. He has since at various times added other departments of wood-work to his industry, devising his own special machinery for accomplishing his purposes.

In 1875 Mr. Chase was united in marriage with Miss Harriett D. Fuller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Fuller, of Dunbarton, N.H. Her English progenitor in this country, Robert Fuller, was a citizen of Dorchester, Mass., as early as 1646. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have one child, a daughter, Harriett Louise by name, who is now a student at Pinkerton Academy in Derry. Mr. Chase is essentially a self-made man, and his enterprise and progressiveness have been crowned with a gratifying degree of success.

ARTHUR JOHN PITMAN, M.D., of Candia, born in Alexandria, N.H., on July 4, 1868, son of George T. and Aurilla M. (Brock) Pitman. The Pitman family in New Hampshire is of English lineage, having originated with three English emigrants, who crossed the Atlantic more than one hundred and fifty years ago, two settling in Lee, N.H., and the third in North Conway, N.H.

John Pitman, born in Lee, N.H., in 1732, removed with his brother Samuel to Barnstead in 1789. He died on February 28, 1834, at the venerable age of one hundred and one years and nine months. His son, John Pitman, second, was born in Barnstead, as also was John Pitman, third, Dr. Pitman's grandfather, who removed in early manhood to Alexandria, Grafton County, being one of the first to settle in that town, where he spent his life in farming. He married Fanny Miles; and eight children were the fruit of their union, three of whom are living, namely: Warren, in Alexandria; Ira, in Boston, Mass.; and Susan, widow of David Gilson, of Nashua, N.H.

George T. Pitman, son of John, third, and Fanny M. Pitman, and father of Arthur J., was born in Alexandria, and there grew to manhood. His later years were spent in Barnstead, N.H., where he was principally engaged in farming, in connection with which he did a moderate business in lumbering and speculating. Aurilla M. Pitman, his wife, bore him three children, all now living, namely: Albert G., in Barnstead; Eva M., in Manchester, N.H.; and Arthur J. In political views their father was a Democrat. He died on February 26, 1895, aged sixty years and six months.

Arthur J. Pitman obtained his preliminary education under Kit Foster, of Pittsfield, N.H., in the high school of that town, and at Austin Academy in Strafford. He began the study of medicine with Dr. John Wheeler, of Pittsfield, as preceptor, then entered the Dartmouth Medical School, and still later took a post-graduate course in the Harvard Medical School. During the eighteen months that followed he was on duty at the Massachusetts State and City Hospitals (under George M. Garland). Dr. Pitman set up in practice for himself in Auburn in 1892, whence a year and a half later he came to Candia Village. His professional calls come not only from people here, but also from the surrounding towns of Deerfield, Auburn, Chester, and Raymond, showing the confidence placed in his skill and judgment. He is a surgeon as well as physician. In Auburn he performed a successful amputation, and in Candia has had six cases of broken hip joint, all of which have come through successfully.

Dr. Pitman was married in the spring of 1892 to Miss Ida M. Bunker, daughter of Milo W. Bunker, of Barnstead, N.H. They have had one child, who died in infancy. Dr. Pitman is a member of the State Medical Society, also of Rockingham Lodge, No. 76, A. F. & A. M., of Candia. He and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church. At the present time he is erecting a residence near the depot in Candia.



ARTHUR J. PITMAN.

JOHN ANDERSON MOORE, an influential and highly esteemed citizen of Windham, N.H., and an Elder of the Presbyterian church of Londonderry, was born March 1, 1831, son of James and Jane (Anderson) Moore. The Moore farm, his birthplace, which he still occupies, was the homestead of his great-grandfather, William Moore, who fought at Bunker Hill. His emigrant ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were of Scottish origin, and came to this country from the north of Ireland in the early part of the eighteenth century. Seven emigrants bearing the name of Moore or Moor, it is said by a gentleman who has given much study to this question, and to whom we are indebted for the information, were early settlers of Londonderry. The first comers, who were among the original sixteen colonists in April, 1719, are designated as Charter Samuel, Charter John, and Charter James; and soon after these appeared John, of the English Range; James, who married Elizabeth Gregg; a Hugh and a William.

The subject of this sketch is a lineal descendant in the fifth generation of James and Elizabeth (Gregg) Moore, the latter having been a daughter of Captain James Gregg, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland, who was one of the sixteen original settlers of Londonderry, N.H. William Moore, born in Londonderry, N.H., in 1733, son of James and Elizabeth, married Martha Mack, daughter of John and Isabella (Brown) Mack, who came to Londonderry in 1732. Lieutenant William, son of William, born August 16, 1761, married Sarah, daughter of Thomas McClary, and was the father of James, second of the name, born December 24, 1792. This James Moore, of the fourth generation, married April 1, 1823, Jane, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Nesmith) Anderson. Mrs. James Moore's father was a grandson of James Anderson, one of the sixteen original settlers; and her mother was a grand-daughter of Elder James Nesmith, another of the first sixteen. James Moore, Mr. Moore's father, was a native and lifelong resident of Windham, carrying on the homestead farm with activity, and residing here until his death; and he served as a soldier in the 1812 War, having been enrolled in the forces which garrisoned Portsmouth. Of his children there are two survivors, namely: Cynthia, wife of W. L. Hay, of Iowa Falls, Ia.; and John Anderson, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Moore's mother, Mrs. Jane A. Moore, died December 3, 1854. She was a member of the Presbyterian church in Londonderry.

John A. Moore was but nine months old when his father died. He has always resided at the Moore homestead in Windham, and from his early boyhood to the present day he has been actively engaged in tilling the soil. It was necessary for him to begin the labors of life as soon as able to be of any assistance to his mother, who continued to conduct the farm; and at the age of fifteen he practically took charge of the property. His education was limited to a few brief winter terms of the district school and a short course at Pinkerton Academy in Derry; but, being naturally self-reliant, he succeeded in securing by his own efforts a practical English education. Becoming the owner of the ancestral homestead after the death of his mother, he has since continued to cultivate the farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres with prosperity, raising large crops of an extra fine quality; and his success as a general farmer is the result of a wise and diligent application. He has always taken a deep interest in local public affairs, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years, and as such rendered valuable service to the town.

On November 23, 1854, Mr. Moore was married to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Armstrong. She was born in Derry, daughter of James and Alice (Kidder) Armstrong, the former of whom was a native of Windham, and the latter of Groton, N.H. The Armstrong family is one of the oldest in this town, Mrs. Moore being a descendant, in the sixth generation, of the original ancestors here. Her grandfather, John Armstrong, was a prominent citizen of his day. James Armstrong, Mrs. Moore's father, in early life lived for a short time in Derry, N.H., and subsequently in other places. The greater part of his life, however, was spent in Windham, where he was for many years a leading spirit in public affairs, serving as Collector, Treasurer, and a member of the Board of Selectmen. He finally gave up his farm to

his eldest son, and passed his few remaining years in Hudson, N.H. He was a useful citizen, who merited the general good will accorded him by all. Of his family there are three survivors, namely: Nancy Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Moore; James E.; and Oscar O.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have three children as follows: Alice J., born April 24, 1858; Nellie Orietta, born May 18, 1861, married R. M. Hills; and Cinderella J., born November 16, 1866. The family occupy an important position in society here. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their daughters are members of the Londonderry Presbyterian church, of which, as above mentioned, Mr. Moore is an Elder. He is well known as a public-spirited, high-minded citizen, who takes a hearty interest in the general welfare. Socially, he is connected with the Pilgrim Fathers.

BENJAMIN F. ROWE, a prominent citizen of Kingston, now retired from active business, was born in East Kingston, November 23, 1821. He is the son of Joseph F. and Mary (Thayer) Rowe, the former a native of Kensington, this county, the latter of Kingston. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Rowe, was a physician of Kensington; and his grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Rowe, also a well-known and highly esteemed physician, practised in Kensington and East Kingston. He also resided in East Kingston in the latter part of his life, and died there, November 7, 1818. His wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Tilton, passed away on March 20, 1843, having attained the advanced age of ninety-two years. They had eight children; namely, Mollie, Joseph F., Sarah, Timothy, William, Lucy, Betsey, and Benjamin. All are now deceased.

Joseph F. Rowe studied medicine, but he subsequently made choice of a farmer's life. He settled on a farm in the northern part of East Kingston, and was engaged in agriculture until he died, July 13, 1829. His wife passed away April 14, 1859. She was a daughter of the Rev. Elihu Thayer, D.D., a native of Braintree, Mass., born March 28, 1747. Dr. Thayer was ordained December 18, 1776, as minister of Kingston, retaining that charge up to his death, which occurred April 3, 1812. He was married December 28, 1780, to Miss Hannah Calef, of Kingston, who died March 10, 1841, aged eighty-two years. They were the parents of eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Rowe had nine children, namely: Betsey, who died in childhood; Mary Ann, who died June 24, 1889; Adeline, who died December 13, 1849; Luther, who died October 27, 1883; Elihu, who died March 21, 1867; Sarah E., who died July 18, 1849; Martha T., wife of George B. Webster; Benjamin F., whose name appears at the head of this article; and Hannah T., the widow of M. H. Holmes, of Londonderry, now living in Kingston village.

Benjamin F. Rowe obtained an education in the common schools and the academy of his native town. He started in life for himself in 1842 on the homestead farm in East Kingston, and was keeping a store in that place for some time. Subsequently he worked at the carpenter's trade for six years in Boston, Cambridge, Mass., and East Kingston. About 1867 he sold his farm, went West, and settled in Manhattan, Kan., where he remained some five years, working at carpentry and other branches of industry. He had removed to Kansas on account of ill-health, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate; and at the end of five years he returned to Kingston, settling where he now lives. For some years he was engaged in general farming, and also worked at his trade. He is now practically retired from all active occupation. Mr. Rowe worked very industriously during his active period, and is now enjoying the fruits of his toil.

Mr. Rowe was married June 1, 1853, to Martha E. Sargent, of Pittsfield, N.H., who died May 15, 1861, aged thirty-eight. She was the mother of one child, who died in infancy. On August 15, 1867, he entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Laura Bartlett, of Kingston Village. This lady, who was born March 30, 1824, is the daughter of David and Dorothy (Young) Bartlett, respectively natives of Danville and of Kingston. Mr. Bartlett was a farmer of Kingston, and he and his wife died in that town. Mr. Rowe has no children by his second marriage.

A stanch Republican, he has never failed to cast his ballot on election day, and was at one time quite active in politics, serving as Selectman and in other official capacities. He is well known in this section of the county, and has many friends.

GEORGE P. HARVEY, one of the most prosperous farmers of Deerfield, was born in Nottingham, N.H., July 19, 1851, son of Jacob and Sabrina H. (Chase) Harvey. Mr. Harvey's great-grandfather, who was of English ancestry, resided in Nottingham. Eben Harvey, the grandfather, an early resident of Nottingham, was a prosperous farmer. Eben was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Emerson, had by him five children, among whom was Jacob, the father of George P. By his union with Sally Thurston, his second bride, there were no children. He died at an advanced age.

Jacob Harvey, a native and a lifelong resident of Nottingham, having been reared a farmer, followed that calling throughout his active period. He was known as an industrious man and a worthy citizen. After living to the advanced age of eighty-one years, he died June 10, 1888. In politics he was a Democrat, while he never cared to accept public office. He married for his first wife Lydia Knowlton, of Northwood, by whom he had ten children. Of these, eight are living, namely: Ruth, who is now Mrs. Abbott, of Manchester, N.H.; Eliza, the widow of the late P. Sturtevant; Betsey, the wife of Samuel Thomas, of New York; Lydia, the wife of E. S. Griffin, of Malden, Mass.; Samuel P., a resident of Stratham, N.H.; Charles G., residing in Nottingham; Susan, the wife of J. H. Winslow, also of Nottingham; and Sarah E., the wife of M. C. Tuttle, of Nottingham. Jacob Harvey married for his second wife Sabrina H. Chase, who became the mother of four children, among whom is George P., the subject of this sketch. Both parents attended the Free Will Baptist church.

George P. Harvey was educated in the common schools and at the Northwood Seminary. He started life for himself as a teamster, and was employed in that capacity in Suncook, of Merrimack County, and Manchester, for several years. In 1880 he returned to Nottingham, and engaged in farming for his uncle, the late Mr. Chase. Succeeding to the farm after his uncle's death, he later sold the property, and leased the John D. Philbrick place in Deerfield. He eventually bought the old Philbrick property, where he now resides. The farm contains one hundred and sixty acres, most of which is under cultivation. The residence is a substantial, suitable building, though erected over one hundred years ago. Mr. Harvey has made various improvements in the property. He carries on general farming, raises some stock, and cultivates a maple grove of eight hundred trees, from which he has obtained one hundred gallons of syrup in two days and one night. In politics he was formerly a Democrat. He is now one of the active supporters of the Republican party in this town. He has rendered efficient public service as Collector and Truant Officer and Deputy Sheriff. He held the last-named office for two years.

On June 10, 1882, Mr. Harvey wedded Lizzie F. Sanborn, a native of South Berwick, Me. Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have taken several inmates from the Marcella Street Home in Boston, whom they kindly care for until able to support themselves. Mr. Harvey is connected with Union Lodge, No. 32, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Deerfield, in which he has filled the important chairs. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

HAZEN SANBORN, a well-known teamster and agriculturist of Auburn, was born in Thornton, N.H., July 31, 1857, son of Hazen and Ann (March) Sanborn. His grandfather, Shubael Sanborn, a native of Canterbury, N.H., born January 21, 1790, there followed the occupation of farmer. Grandfather Sanborn and his wife had twelve children, all of whom, with their parents, are now deceased. The mother's death occurred January 24, 1852. Hazen Sanborn, Sr., was a gardener as

well as a general farmer. In the earlier portion of his life he resided for a number of years at Newton, Mass. Subsequently he came to Auburn, where he passed the remainder of his life. He received in marriage the hand of Miss Ann March, of Sanbornton, Belknap County, and afterward became the father of six children, three of whom are living. In politics he was not ambitious of distinction, while he supported the Republican party. He departed this life in 1889, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife died January 24, 1888.

Hazen Sanborn received his education at the New Hampton Seminary. He then engaged in teaming and general agriculture. He now possesses a farm of sixty acres, on which he makes a specialty of raising garden truck for the market.

On December 23, 1886, Mr. Sanborn was united in marriage with Mrs. Grettie A. Fox Chase, a native of Auburn, and a daughter of Andrew F. Fox. They have now one child, Margaret Ann, who is in her ninth year. Mr. Sanborn does not seek social or political office or pre-eminence, nor is he connected with any of the fraternal orders of the locality. He is a stanch supporter of the principles and policy of the Republican party.

NATHANIEL P. ORDWAY, a well-known blacksmith of Greenland, was born in Milan, Coos County, May 20, 1842, son of Hezekiah and Mary (Porter) Ordway. His father, Hezekiah, who was engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his adult life, spent his earlier years at Shelburne, N.H., which was his birthplace. He subsequently lived in Milan and Gilead, Me.; but his last years were passed in Greenland. He united in wedlock with Miss Mary Porter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Porter, of Shelburne. They became the parents of nine children — Diantha H., Alanson, Lysander, Malissa, Samuel T., Alma, Alvin B., Eveline G., and Nathaniel P. Diantha was given in marriage to John B. Peasley, a resident of Merrimack, Mass., to whom she has borne two children — Alfred and Ada. Alanson wedded Miss Elvira Richards, a native of Medford, Mass., and has two sons — Walter H. and Howard. He served in the Civil War as an "artificer" with the New Hampshire Heavy Artillery. Lysander joined in matrimony with Miss Elizabeth Blake, of Kittery, Me., who died, leaving three children — Frank H., Celia, and Fred. He afterward contracted a second marriage with Mrs. Mary Holt. Malissa was wedded to John H. Worthen, of Newburyport, Mass., to whom she bore four children, of whom three died in infancy, and Charles H. survives. Samuel married Miss Mary Millett, a native of Greenwood, Me., and has four children. Alvin joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret Potter, and has two sons and two daughters — Alice, Annie, William, and Herbert. Eveline became the wife of John D. Hunt, of Newburyport, Mass., and has two children — Grace and Osman. The father departed this life in 1879, at the age of seventy-nine years, and his wife in 1872.

Nathaniel P. Ordway attended the district school of Gilead during three months in the winter season for four or five years. At the age of seventeen years he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith with his brother, Alanson. He subsequently completed the period prescribed for that purpose at Haverhill, Mass., in the employment of Samuel Kimball. In all he was with Mr. Kimball for about two and a half years, when he returned to Gilead. After a short time he went to Portsmouth, N.H., worked for one summer; and he returned to Maine. At this time he enlisted in Company B of the Twenty-third Maine Regiment, for service in the Civil War. His military experience this time covered ten months, for the greater part of which he was stationed at a point on the Baltimore and Ohio Canal near Harper's Ferry. On receiving his discharge, he returned home, and conducted a blacksmith's shop at Milan for three months. He then enlisted again, this time joining Company E of the Ninth New Hampshire Regiment, which was engaged in guard duty on the Kentucky Central Railroad when he reached it. At Petersburg, while the regiment was guarding excavation work, he sustained a gunshot wound. He was performing hospital duty when he was

finally mustered out of the service in December, 1865, at New York. Returning then to New England, he took up his residence at West Bethel, Me., and there worked at his trade for the ensuing seven years. After this he spent about twelve months travelling through the country, visiting Colorado and other Western States. On returning East again, he settled in Greenland, where he has since resided, prosperously occupied in his calling.

In 1874 Mr. Ordway was united in marriage with Miss Mary H. Carleton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carleton, of Newburyport, Mass. They have had one child, a son, who died in infancy. They have now an adopted daughter. Mr. Ordway, who joined the Masonic fraternity in Maine, is a member of the lodge of Masons at Greenland. He is also a member of the American Legion of Honor Benefit Association at Greenland, and a comrade of Storer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Portsmouth. In politics he has been an earnest Republican since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864; while his religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopalians, with whose society in Greenland he is in communion.

JOHN J. CILLEY, a retired business man and well-known farmer of Deerfield, N.H., who is the representative of an old and honored name in New England, was born August 31, 1843.

Mr. Cilley is a direct descendant of Joseph Cilley, a farmer of Nottingham, who was one of the first to take up arms in defence of American liberties, being engaged in the attack upon Fort William and Mary in the province of New Hampshire, in December, 1774. A few months later he was the gallant leader of the brave soldiers from Deerfield, Nottingham, and Epsom, who marched to Lexington on that memorable day when,

> "By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
> Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
> . . . the embattled farmers stood
> And fired the shot heard round the world."

Not long afterward Joseph Cilley was appointed Major of Colonel Poor's Second Regiment, and in 1776 was made Lieutenant Colonel. On April 3, 1777, he was appointed Colonel of the First New Hampshire Regiment in the place of Colonel Stark; and on January 2, 1786, he was made Major-general of the First Division of the New Hampshire Militia.

General Cilley was married November 4, 1756, to Miss Sarah Longfellow, and had a large family of children. He died August 25, 1799, aged sixty-five, leaving to his descendants a name which holds a high place on the list of distinguished Americans. After his return from the army he received from the citizens of his section repeated evidences of their appreciation of him, being elected to many public offices. He served as Representative, Senator, and Councillor; and it was a most fitting thing that he should have been elected Treasurer, Vice-President, and President of the New Hampshire branch of the order of Cincinnati.

His son, Horatio Gates Cilley, was born in Nottingham, N.H. He married Sally Jenness, November 17, 1802. Of the nine children born to them, Mary, the wife of Ephraim Eaton, is the only one now living. Her brother, Horatio Gates Cilley, the second of the name, was born in Deerfield, N.H. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1827, and then read law under J. Sullivan, Exeter. He practised in the courts of New Hampshire and Maine, he having removed to Lewiston in 1853. The two children born of his marriage with Miss Deborah Jenness, of Deerfield, are both now living: Horatio Gates, a graduate of Dartmouth in 1863; and John J. Cilley. Their father was a member of the Board of Selectmen, a Representative in the State legislature, and a man of influence. He died in 1874, aged sixty-nine years. Mrs. Deborah J. Cilley died in 1849.

John J. Cilley was educated in the schools of Deerfield and Lewiston, Me., and Hanover, N.H., and was engaged in business in Boston from 1865 to 1883. In the latter year he returned to Deerfield, and he has since resided at the old Jenness homestead. October 20, 1880, was the date of his marriage to Miss Lizzie Lord, of Boston. He represented the town in the State legislature in 1889 and 1890.

On the maternal side Mr. Cilley is also of old and honorable ancestry. Francis Jenness, the founder of the Jenness family in America, came from England in 1665, settling in New Castle, known then as Great Island, New Hampshire. In 1671 he married Hannah Cox, of Hampton, from which union six children were born. Mrs. Jenness died; and Mr. Jenness formed a second marriage with Salome, the widow of John White. Mr. Jenness died in 1713.

To Francis Jenness was born in 1686 a son whom he called Richard, and who was later known as Captain Richard Jenness. He took up two grants of land, which are now within the limits of Deerfield, while a third was purchased by him for the sum of fifty pounds in 1743. Captain Jenness was a man of prominence in the town, serving as Representative in the Provincial Assembly nearly forty years.

He married in 1710 Mary Dow, and died in 1769, leaving ten children. Richard, his fifth child, to whom he left lands in Nottingham and other places, was born in 1717. He became an attorney and counsellor-at-law, and was twice married. By his first wife this second Richard Jenness had six children; and by his second, Abigail Sleeper, a widow, he had two sons — Jonathan and Benjamin. Richard Jenness, Esq., succeeded his father, Captain Jenness, as a member of the House of Representatives from Rye, serving till the Revolution. He was also a Justice of the Peace. Two of his sons, Richard, third, and Thomas, settled on the South Road. Richard, third, born in 1747, married in 1770 Miss Betsy Berry; and he and his brother Thomas both built handsome houses for themselves in 1785. Richard, third, who became Judge Jenness, held many positions of importance. He was a delegate to several conventions during the time of the Revolution, and was a member of the House of Representatives, and was for four years a Senator. He died on July 4, 1819, leaving a son, Thomas, who was born in 1772, and who in 1794 married Deborah Sanborn, of Deerfield. He died in 1836, leaving eleven children, one being his daughter, Deborah, wife of Horatio Gates Cilley, and mother of John J. Cilley.

The memory of such a lineage as Mr. Cilley's is worthy to be preserved as a stimulus for equal effort and achievement for future generations. Although long since he left Boston, Mr. Cilley still retains his membership in Mount Tabor Lodge, A. F. & A. M., East Boston, and also belongs to St. Paul's Chapter, Boston Council and Commandery.

DANIEL M. FOSS, a retired farmer living on his homestead in Rye, N.H., was born in this town, March 10, 1834. He is of English stock, and a direct descendant of one John Foss, who deserted from an English vessel of war, and settled on the Atlantic coast in New Hampshire. From John Foss have sprung the branch of the Foss family to which Daniel M. Foss belongs.

Robinson Foss, the son of John Foss, a fisherman of Rye, was born on August 30, 1787. He lived on the homestead farm during his life, and was favorably known throughout this section of the county as a skilful agriculturist and a most capable business man. In November, 1818, he married Widow Martha Foss Mason, who died April 1, 1827, leaving two children — Mehitabel J. and Hardison. Mehitabel J., born February 5, 1819, was married January 14, 1841, to Joshua M. Foss, and removed to Haverhill, Mass.

Hardison Foss, born January 23, 1821, was a thorough and successful farmer, a man of intelligence and influence, and was much interested in public affairs. He was born and died on his farm in Rye, which was the original Foss homestead, and which is now owned by his two sons, Sylvanus W. and Alba R. H. Foss. On July 16, 1843, Hardison Foss married Elvira Holmes, who bore him the following children: Charlotte M.; Sylvanus W.; Ezra D., who died February 28, 1848, aged one year; Anna J.; Ezra H., who died January 28, 1868, aged seventeen years; Alice E.; Alba R. H.; and Susan M. Charlotte M., the first-born, married June 13, 1861, the late James E. Seavey, and at her death, March 11, 1878, left one child, Ella M., born May 6, 1870. Sylvanus W. married April 3, 1879, Ella F. Philbrick, and their only child,

Bertha Alice, was born February 28, 1880. Anna J. was married May 13, 1878, to Lewis E. Walker, and they have one child, Ezra H. Alice E. married Cotton W. D. Jenness, February 10, 1881. Alba R. H. Foss was married December 2, 1883, to Minnie Brown, who died July 22, 1887, leaving one child, Lena F., born July 4, 1887; and on November 4, 1891, Mr. Alba R. H. Foss was married to Miss Emma H. B. Hoyt, of Newington.

Robinson Foss married for his second wife on January 18, 1830, Mrs. Charlotte Holmes, of Rochester, N.H. Of this union five children were born: John H.; Henry D.; Daniel M., the special subject of this sketch; Charlotte D.; and Robinson, Jr. The two younger are not living, Charlotte D. having died November 15, 1837, aged two years; and Robinson, Jr., January 1, 1878, aged twenty-eight years. Mrs. Charlotte Holmes Foss died February 29, 1868; and Mr. Robinson Foss, who attained the venerable age of ninety-one years, passed away January 1, 1878.

John H. Foss, the eldest son of Robinson and Charlotte H. Foss, is a resident of Portsmouth, N.H. He was first married to Lizzie Felker, who died a few years later, leaving him two children — George and Lizzie. George, now a resident of Springfield, Mass., married Margaret E. Carter, of Connecticut. Lizzie is the wife of Hanson Seavey, of Portsmouth, N.H. After the death of his first wife John H. Foss married her sister, Miss Augusta Felker. Henry D. Foss, the second son, who has always lived in Rye, his farm being near that of his brother, Daniel M., was married October 5, 1858, to Clara E. Mathes, a daughter of Abram and Betsey (Berry) Mathes. They became the parents of two children — Lizzie B. and Robert O. Lizzie B. Foss, a talented and accomplished young lady, giving great promise as an artist, died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Daniel M. Foss was reared and educated in Rye, and here began his active career by going into partnership with his brother, Henry D., and opening the Prospect House, then the largest hotel on the shore. In 1862 the hotel was burned. Shortly afterward Daniel M. enlisted without bounty in the United States navy, and was sent upon the gunboat "Mahaska" as carpenter's mate. This boat was stationed on the James River, being under the command of Commodore Goldsborough. Nine months after his enlistment Mr. Foss was seriously wounded by an axe while repairing the pumps, it being feared for a time that amputation of the foot would be necessary. After the close of the war he worked at his trade in the Portsmouth navy yard for a time, and then returned to his farm in Rye, where he has since lived.

Daniel M. Foss was married November 28, 1858, to Miss Chalcedonia Foss, a daughter of Deacon Richard and Eliza (Shapley) Foss, of this town. Two children were born of their union — Christie C. and Arthur M. Christie C. is the wife of George Walker, of Rye Centre. After a little more than ten years of wedlock Mr. Foss suffered a severe loss in the death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Chalcedonia Foss, who passed to the life beyond May 30, 1869. Socially, Mr. Foss is a member of the Union Veterans' Union of Portsmouth; of Storer Post, No. 6, Grand Army of the Republic, of the same city; of Osgood Lodge, No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of the Kearsarge Naval Association, all of Portsmouth. Politically, both he and his brother, Henry D., with whom he has always been closely associated, are stanch Democrats, and both cast their first Presidential votes for James Buchanan in 1856.

EMMONS B. TOWLE, an old and influential resident of Hampton Falls, was born in this place, June 8, 1835, son of Caleb and Sarah (Swain) Towle. His grandfather, Caleb Towle, Sr., settled in Hampton Falls when a young man, and there spent the rest of his life in the pursuit of agriculture. Caleb Towle, Jr., a native of Hampton Falls, born in 1790, was reared and educated here. Having learned shoemaking, he worked at it for a number of years, attending at the same time to other business. He was toll gatherer on the old toll road for seventeen years. When the town purchased the road, he bought the farm on which his son is

now living, and was there engaged in farming and shoemaking during the rest of his life. The Democratic party received his political support. He died February 6, 1873, at the age of eighty-three. His wife passed away October 23, 1872. They reared the following children: Oliver L., born February 3, 1814; Mary Ann, February 17, 1816; Sarah J., July 31, 1818; William F., March 5, 1821; Elbridge A., January 29, 1823; Elizabeth H., January 20, 1828; Elmira S., November 12, 1830; and Emmons B., the subject of this sketch. The eldest son, Oliver, was well known to the travelling public; and frequent visitors to this portion of New England looked forward with pleasant anticipations to meeting the genial man. He received his education in Hampton. At an early age he became the driver of the stage-coach running to Newburyport and Salem, Mass., and Portsmouth, N.H. When the coach was superseded by the steam-cars, he went to work for the Portsmouth, Saco & Portland Railroad, with which he was connected over forty years, for the greater part in the capacity of conductor. While in the employ of the railroad, he resided in Portland, Me. After the death of his wife he paid a visit to his daughter in California, at whose home he died.

Elbridge Towle was an employee of the Eastern Railroad, beginning as a brakeman, and working his way up to the position of conductor, which he held for over forty years. He was in the service of the company for nearly half a century. On the day of his death, January 31, 1896, he made his usual trip. After returning home in the evening, he died at eight o'clock, while sitting in his chair, the cause being heart failure. He left five children — Walter A., Woodbury L., Annie P., Ella J., and Mira F.

Emmons B. Towle obtained his early education in a district school and at Rockingham Academy. In his youth he learned his father's trade, that of shoemaking, and worked at it for some time. On the death of his father he succeeded to the farm, where for several years past he has given his attention to market gardening. He raises large quantities of vegetables, for which he finds market in Exeter, N.H., and in Newburyport and Amesbury, Mass. He has added to the estate, which in his father's day comprised thirty-two acres, until now it covers over half a hundred acres. He is one of the leading farmers of the locality, and a prominent member of Grange No. 171 of Hampton Falls.

He was married in 1861 to Miss Lydia B. Green, of Seabrook, N.H. He cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan, the Democratic candidate, in 1856; but he has long since then been identified with the Republican party. He was delegate to the County Convention in 1888, served on the Board of Selectmen two years, was Superintendent of Schools two years, and was chosen Trustee of the library when it was founded, and has been Librarian since its opening. He is a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 22, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Hampton. Both he and Mrs. Towle are members of the Baptist church.

WILLIAM HENRY ROLLINS, Secretary and Treasurer of the Portsmouth Athæneum, was born in Portsmouth, September 7, 1822, son of Ichabod and Mary Ann (Hooker) Rollins. His first ancestor in this country was James Rollins, an Englishman, who came to America in 1632. He spent a short time in Ipswich, Mass., was in Newbury of the same State in 1634, and in 1644 settled in that part of Dover, N.H., now included in Newington. One of the first settlers in that part of the country, he secured a grant of one hundred acres of land, and established a homestead, where he spent the rest of his life. This land is now held by his descendants. (Fuller information is given in a complete history of the Rollins family, compiled by John R. Rollins, of Lawrence, Mass., and published in 1874.) Jeremiah Rollins, the son of James, and great-great-grandfather of William Henry, was a native of Newington. His son Ichabod, the great-grandfather, was born in that part of Somersworth, N.H., now known as Rollinsford, July 18, 1722. Ichabod's son Daniel, the grandfather, was born in the same place in 1759. Daniel Rollins devoted his attention chiefly to agriculture, but was also, to

some extent, engaged in seafaring. He died at the early age of thirty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Weeks, bore him three children. She subsequently became the wife of Samuel Hale.

Ichabod Rollins was born in Rollinsford, January 12, 1790. In early manhood he engaged as clerk in a general store in Portsmouth. While here, he was also obliged to look out for the interests of his employer in a ship-yard, where the latter carried on shipbuilding. About the time of the War of 1812 he was sent to Stockholm, Sweden, as supercargo on a merchant vessel, and so took no part in the hostilities between this country and England. After his return home he was engaged in the grocery business for a few years, and subsequently, in partnership with Samuel Hale, was an extensive ship-owner. He was one of the Directors of the Piscataqua Bank; and it is curious to note that at one time, while he was a member of the board, the names of the nine Directors included but three Christian names. They were: Ichabod Rollins, Ichabod Bartlett, and Ichabod Goodwin; William M. Shackford, William Stavers, and William H. F. Hacket; Samuel Hale, Samuel Lord, and Samuel E. Coues.

Ichabod Rollins died in 1873. His wife, who was a daughter of Michael and Mary (Brown) Hooker, was born on the homestead now occupied by their son, and was, with the exception of a few years, a lifelong resident there. Her father, who was born in England, came to America with his mother, and resided many years in Portsmouth. He was a well-to-do shipmaster, and it was he who built the house in which our subject now resides. He lived to be threescore and ten, and his remains were the first interred in the proprietors' cemetery. His wife died in 1868. She was a native of Portsmouth, and the only child of John Brown, a Portsmouth man, who was of Scotch origin. She had five children, two daughters who died in childhood and three sons who attained maturity.

William Henry Rollins prepared for college under the tuition of William C. Harris. In 1837 he entered Harvard University; and, graduating in 1841, he entered the Harvard Law School. He afterward finished his preparation for the legal profession in the office of Ichabod Bartlett. Admitted to the bar in 1844, he commenced practice in Portsmouth, where he has been engaged in professional work up to the present time. He was for a number of years President of the Portsmouth Savings Bank, has been a Director of the Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, and for nineteen years has been Secretary and Treasurer and President of the Athenæum. Mr. Rollins was married in 1879 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Ball, of Portsmouth. In politics he has been a Republican since the formation of the party. He is a man of culture, and is highly respected in Portsmouth.

LEONARD F. DEARBORN, of East Candia, a typical New Englander in the energy and thrift that has characterized his whole life, much of which has, however, been spent outside New England borders, was born here, October 27, 1837, son of Leonard and Jane (Dearborn) Dearborn. He is the eldest of a family of seven children, the mother of whom is still living, and possessed of clear faculties at the age of eighty-four years. But three of the sons survive, namely: Henry H., George F., both residents of Seattle, Wash.; and Leonard F., of this sketch.

The genealogy of the Dearborn family is long and wide; but it is here purposed only to note briefly a few of the leading events in the life of Leonard F. Dearborn, who affirms that, in accordance with the established rule that the first-born inherits the qualities and capabilities of father and mother, whatever of success he may have attained or force of character he may have developed in the affairs of life, were inherited from his parents, who possessed in full measure the good old New England traits. Educated in the common school and engaged in farming up to 1861, Leonard F. Dearborn then enlisted, and entered service as a private in Company I, commanded by Captain William R. Patten, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, under Colonel Walter Harriman. He was in the campaign of Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, and the siege of

Knoxville, and during a part of the time had charge of the Commissary Department. He was honorably discharged in 1863. During the years immediately following his return from the war he was engaged in farming. In 1875 he purchased a place in Manchester, N.H., whither he removed, and was there engaged in the wood and vinegar business up to 1880.

He then migrated to the Pacific Coast, travelling from San Francisco by stage route through Northern California and Oregon to Portland, and thence by the Columbia River to Walla Walla, Wash. There he met Major-general O. O. Howard and General Tannett, and was invited to dine with them as a New England man, a New England man being a special object of interest in the New North-west in those days. General Howard was at that time in command of the United States troops in Washington and Oregon; and his topographical knowledge of that section, its natural resources and prospective future, which he freely imparted, proved of great value to his guest in after years. Mr. Dearborn's first investment there was the purchase of three lots on Maine Street, Walla Walla. In June of that year he assisted in unloading from the boat the first railroad engine to arrive on the Pacific Coast division of the Northern Pacific Transcontinental Railroad, at the junction of the Columbia and Snake Rivers. It is interesting to note in this connection that he rode on the first transcontinental train that ever entered Seattle. August 13 of the same year he purchased property with a frontage of six hundred feet on Seattle Bay. He drove the first piles driven on tide lands to deep water in Seattle, claiming the riparian rights, which were affirmed by the United States Supreme Court at Washington, D.C., in April, 1894. In the fall of 1880 he put on file a plat of what has since been known as Dearborn's First Addition to the city of Seattle, upon which stands the Seattle electric plant.

Returning to New Hampshire in the spring of 1881, he remained until May, 1883, when he again went to Seattle, built on the principal streets, and embarked in the real estate business, meanwhile building and making other improvements on Dearborn's Addition. From 1884 to 1886 the women of Washington were granted the elective franchise at all elections; and it was Mr. Dearborn's fortune to serve with a committee of women on conduct of election, an experience that proved a revelation, in that intelligence, good sense, and the utmost harmony and good order obtained from first to last, so much so as to remind him of a New England Sabbath — an object lesson, as he declares, which demonstrates beyond a shadow of doubt the benign influence of women in politics On the Territory becoming a State, suffrage was denied them; and, in West Point parlance, they remain to-day "as they were." The year 1886 was an eventful one, the Chinese riots and their exodus marking an era long to be remembered on the Pacific Coast. A citizen was killed and several wounded just in front of Mr. Dearborn's office. Martial law was proclaimed, and citizens assembled at the court-house, where arrangements were made for certain of them to serve on guard duty day and night for nearly a week, the leading citizens finally raising funds by subscription, and sending nearly eight hundred of the Chinese to San Francisco.

During 1886 Mr. Dearborn projected the township of Somerville, a suburb of Seattle, a tract of land comprising several hundred acres, which he divided into five-acre lots. The owner, a resident of Somerville, Mass., caused the streets to be named after those of that city, with the exception of the main avenue, which appears on the map of Seattle and its suburbs as Dearborn Avenue. That same year, in company with Mr. Charles Waters, of Somerville, Mass., Mr. Dearborn prospected, opened, developed, and purchased coal mines on Green River, Washington, paying the United States government the price of one hundred and sixty acres of land, being for mineral land twenty dollars per acre; and in the *North-west*, a magazine published at St. Paul, Minn., in an article descriptive of these mines, with a map of King County annexed, they are called the Dearborn Gas Coal Mines. They are now owned and operated by a New York company. In the summer of 1887 Mr. Dearborn returned to East Candia,

N.H., where he now resides, his present ambition being akin to that of General Grant after the war; namely, to see East Candia a thriving and populous community, himself an Alderman, with an influence potent enough to secure a paved sidewalk twelve rods from his home to the post-office.

Mr. Dearborn was married in 1860 to Mary C., the only child of Josiah M. and Mary Fitts. They have four children living, namely: Wilbur Freeman, Henry Irving, and Ralph Waldo, all of whom reside in Seattle, Wash.; and Arthur Leonard, the youngest living child, who has remained on the home place in Candia. Thomas C., the youngest child, died when but a few weeks old.

Mr. Dearborn was an early recipient of special honors from his townsmen. In 1860, at a meeting held at Candia village to raise funds for the Kansas sufferers, he was elected Chairman of the Committee; and at the Fourth of July celebration, 1861, he was the toastmaster. He is a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor; also of the D. B. Dudley Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, and in 1894 was on the staff of the Department Commander. He served on the Building Committee in the erection of the Soldiers' Home, and at the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument was Chairman of the Committee of Five which made the arrangements, the entire charge of the details, making report, etc., devolving upon Mr. Dearborn. The estimated attendance was about thirty-five hundred. The dedicatory service, to which about three hundred invitations were sent to former residents of Candia, was under the special charge of the Department Commander and staff; and all who took part in the exercises from speaker to committees were natives of Candia, the presentation of the monument to the town of Candia being by Governor Frederick Smith, of New Hampshire, and the speech of acceptance being from Mr. Dearborn. A full report appeared in a descriptive pamphlet published at the governor's expense, five hundred copies being gratuitously distributed by him.

On October 2, 1894, Company I, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, members of D. B. Dudley Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and many townspeople, by invitation of Mr. Dearborn, assembled at his residence in East Candia in reunion, when out of forty-seven living comrades of Company I thirty-four were present, eighteen of whom were accompanied by their wives. During the day two collations were served; and the festivities concluded in the evening with a literary program in the new Methodist church, which was used for the first time on that occasion, varied by martial music from the East Candia Band, and a camp fire enlivened by stories and reminiscences of army life. The unique and beautiful programs were furnished gratis by Comrade Henry W. Rowe, a Boston printer, member of Company I, and a native of Candia.

JONATHAN THOMPSON, an enterprising and successful farmer and an esteemed citizen of Nottingham, Rockingham County, N.H., was born in Durham, Strafford County, N.H., March 16, 1821, his parents being Levi and Cumford (Ellison) Thompson. His grandfather, also named Jonathan, was a native and a lifelong resident of Durham, where he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He was the father of five children, all of whom have now passed away. He lived to be but fifty years old, and his wife attained the age of threescore years and ten.

Levi was their eldest son. He was born at the old homestead in Durham, and in early life learned the trade of a ship carpenter, which he followed as an occupation for many years. In 1827, however, he removed to Nottingham, where he purchased a farm of about one hundred acres, on which he remained a number of years, his last days being passed at the home of his son, the subject of this sketch. He was united in marriage with Miss Cumford Ellison, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ellison, of Barrington, N.H.; and to them were born a family of thirteen children, six of whom are still living; namely, Robert, Jonathan, Charles E., Mary J., Keziah H., and Elizabeth. Robert married as his first wife Miss Sarah Rundlett, of Epping; and into their home one child came, Alvin by name.

Charles E. joined in wedlock with Miss

Clara Reynolds, of Maine; and they became the parents of two children — Clara and Herbert. Mary J. gave her hand in marriage to John Seward, late of Barrington, to whom she bore seven children — John F., Walter, Laura, Emma, Anderson, Charles, and Chester Mertie. Keziah H. is now the widow of Benjamin P. Harvey, a late resident of Nottingham, and is the mother of the following six children: John W., Frank, Laura, George, Lewis, and Flora. Elizabeth is now the wife of Robert Lucy, of Nottingham, to whom she has borne four children; namely, Fanny, Dora, Lizzie, and Lillia. Levi Thompson lived to the venerable age of eighty-nine years, and his wife attained to the only little less advanced age of eighty-four years She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church of Nottingham; and, politically, he was a Jacksonian Democrat.

Jonathan Thompson, the second son of Levi, at the age of six years removed with his parents to Nottingham, in the public schools of which town he acquired his education. At the age of eighteen he learned the blacksmith's trade, in which he engaged for eight years. In 1840, when he was about nineteen years old, he purchased a farm of twelve acres in Nottingham, to which he has since added at various times, until at present he possesses a landed property of one hundred and sixty acres. He is extensively occupied thereon in general husbandry, keeping regularly almost the whole extent under cultivation.

On May 26, 1844, he was joined in matrimony with Miss Mary A. Doe, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Doe, of Lee, N.H. Seven children have been born to them, six of whom yet survive; namely, Joseph H., Susan J., Rose F., Charles H., Everett E., and Anson F. Joseph H. married Miss Sophia Jones, a daughter of Joseph Jones, of Nottingham, and they have been blessed in the birth of six children; namely, Nettie, Annie, Henry, Ella, Mamie, and Hattie. Susan, who was born July 28, 1846, was united in marriage with John A. Seward, of Strafford, Me., to whom she has borne two children — Nelson B. and Ella. Rose, who was born April 11, 1848, is now the wife of O. L. Osgood, and the mother of three children; namely, Bertha, George, and Annie. Charles, born February 20, 1850, wedded Miss Malissa Shute, daughter of Jerry Shute. They have one son living, named Willis. Everett, born April 29, 1855, was joined in wedlock with Miss Nellie Smith, a daughter of Stephen Smith; and their union has been fruitful in the birth of three children — Fred J., Jessie, and Mary. Anson, who was born April 28, 1857, married Miss Lillian Smith, and is the father of three children — Harry, Mattie, and Maud.

Mr. Thompson is widely known, and he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He has served his town in the capacity of Selectman for the period of two years. In national politics he is affiliated with the Republican party. Religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Free Will Baptist church of Nottingham, of which he is justly reputed to be one of the pillars.

JAMES E. GERRISH, a general farmer, resident of Northwood, N.H., was born in the adjoining town of Nottingham, N.H., June 2, 1846. His father, Samuel Gerrish, was born in the town of Deerfield, which, as well as Northwood, was formerly a part of Nottingham. He was the son of Samuel, Sr., and Sally (Knowlton) Gerrish. His grandfather and his father were both farmers and lifelong residents of Rockingham County. Samuel Gerrish, the second of the name, and his wife, whose maiden name was Martha Allard, reared three children — Elizabeth, Charles B., and James E.

The subject of this sketch commenced work in a shoe factory in young manhood, and followed the trade in addition to farming a number of years. In 1886 he located in Beverly, Mass., where he purchased land and built a residence, which he still owns, and which he occupied till 1890, when he returned to Northwood, and located on his present homestead. His wife was before marriage Miss Fannie Campbell, of North Reading, Mass. She is a daughter of Warren A. and Charlotte S. (Dickey) Campbell. On both paternal and maternal sides she is a descendant of Scotch-Irish settlers of Londonderry, and her mother



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is a grand-daughter of General John Stark of Revolutionary fame. Mr. and Mrs. Gerrish have two children — Samuel W. and Lottie F. Samuel W. married Miss Annie M. Hoyt, of Northwood.

JAMES W. WATSON, a prominent farmer and an estimable citizen of Exeter, was born in Exeter, February 23, 1827, his parents being John and Betsy (Gilman) Watson. John Watson also was a native of Rockingham County, who in early life followed the occupation of chair-making. He subsequently purchased a farm in Exeter, and there resided for the remainder of his life, engaged in general farming and a profitable wood business. He and his wife, Betsy, who was a daughter of Deacon Chase Gilman, of Epping, this county, were blessed in the birth of fifteen children. Of these, twelve grew to maturity, and ten are still living; namely, Elizabeth, James W., Charles, Sarah, Joel, Daniel, Dudley, Mary, Almira, and George. Sarah is now the wife of John J. Gasper, of California, at one time acting governor of Arizona. Daniel and Dudley were twins. Mary, Almira, and George are married and well-to-do. The father's life was industrious down to his decease, which occurred in 1882. The mother, who was highly esteemed, preceded him to the grave by several years.

James W. Watson spent the years of his boyhood and youth on the paternal farm. The educational advantages available to him in the district where he lived having been rather limited, he subsequently studied at Hampton Falls Academy, and later at a private school in Exeter. He then applied himself to the acquirement of the mason's trade, and afterward followed it as an occupation for fifty years. Twenty years of that time were spent in Boston, after which, in 1886, he returned to his native home.

Here, purchasing the farm adjoining that on which he was born, he engaged in agriculture, at the same time working at his trade as the opportunity offered. The estate, forty acres in extent, has neat and substantial farm buildings, indicative of enterprise and prosperity. Many of the improvements were made by Mr. Watson. In 1860 Mr. Watson was united in marriage with Miss Jane O. Leach, a native of the State of Vermont. They have had one daughter, who died in infancy. Mr. Watson does not seek social or political eminence. He is, however, identified with the general interests of Exeter, and is a familiar personality in its gatherings. He is affiliated with the brotherhood of Masons. In national politics he is found in the ranks of the Republican party. Mr. Watson is not a member of any religious organization, while his wife is in fellowship with the Methodist Episcopal church of Exeter.

JOHN PILLSBURY FRENCH, one of the leading farmers of Candia, was born in this town, September 14, 1826, son of Coffin M. and Dolly (Pillsbury) French. The first ancestor of his family in America was Edward French, who was in Ipswich, Mass., in 1636, settled in Salisbury in 1640, and died there in 1674. Joseph French, a tailor of Salisbury, son of Edward, was the next in this line. His son, Joseph, second, born in 1654, married in 1678 Sarah Eastman, and died in 1683. Their son, Joseph, third, born in 1679, married December 20, 1699, Abigail Brown. Joseph, fourth, son of Joseph, third, born February 27, 1702, married July 22, 1731, Ruth Knowles.

Simon French, son of the fourth Joseph, and a representative of the sixth generation from the emigrant Edward, was born in Salisbury, October 27, 1740, and settled in Candia, N.H., in 1764. He died August 3, 1823. His first wife was a daughter of John Shackford, Sr., of Chester, and his second wife, Comfort Weeks, the widow of Dr. Moore. His children, all by his first marriage, were: Ruth, who married Samuel Colby; Dolly, who married Andrew Rankin; and John, the grandfather of the special subject of this biographical sketch.

John French, who was born in Candia, March 25, 1770, conducted a farm located near the property of his grandson during the greater part of his active life. He was an

energetic and prosperous farmer and a useful citizen, who always enjoyed the esteem and good will of his neighbors. He and his family attended the Congregational church. He died December 24, 1845, aged seventy-five years. John French married Comfort Moore, daughter of Dr. Moore, a native of Stratham, N.H., and reared a family of five children, briefly mentioned as follows: Martha, born in 1794, died in 1811; Simon, born February 2, 1796, married Ann Evans, and lived on the homestead, died May 25, 1871, leaving one child, Mary A.; Coffin Moore, born April 6, 1799, lived near the homestead; Lucinda, born in 1803, married Frederick Fitts; Evelina, born in 1805, married Samuel Murry.

Immediately after his marriage Coffin M. French settled upon the farm which his son, John P., now owns and occupies; and his long and useful life was passed in tilling the soil and serving his fellow-townsmen. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for several years, some of the time acting as Chairman. He died in 1881, aged eighty-two years. In politics he was in his latter years a Republican, and in his religious views he was a Congregationalist, being a Deacon of that church for many years. His wife, who was before marriage Dolly Pillsbury, was a native of Hanover, N.H. She became the mother of four children, all of whom are living; namely, John Pillsbury, Mary Celina, Samuel Franklin, and George Henry. Mary Celina, born May 6, 1832, married the Rev. James H. Fitts. Samuel Franklin, born December 22, 1835, married Martha J. Upton, of Andover, Mass., December 22, 1864. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Andover Theological Seminary. George Henry, born July 27, 1838, was graduated at Dartmouth College and Andover Theological Seminary, married Fannie E. Kilburn, of Holden, Mass., September 28, 1871. Their children are: Warren Kilburn, born September 15, 1873, who graduated at Dartmouth College in 1895; Irving Joseph, born March 5, 1875; and George Franklin, born April 27, 1879, representing the tenth generation of this branch of the French family in America.

John P. French was educated in the common schools of Candia and Pembroke Academy, which he attended for three terms. After leaving school, he assisted in carrying on the home farm; and, succeeding to the ownership of the property after his father's death, he has since conducted it with unusual thrift and energy, advancing steadily in prosperity until the present day. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of desirable land, one hundred and twenty-five acres of which is divided into pasture and woodland; and he cuts about forty tons of hay yearly, besides raising other farm products. He keeps an average of ten head of young stock, six cows, three horses, and cultivates his farm according to the most approved methods. The present residence, which was erected by his father, together with the other buildings, are kept in the best of repair, giving his premises a neat and thrifty appearance; and his comfortable circumstances are the result of careful management and a judicious application of every resource at his command.

Mr. French's first wife, Edee Knight, of Atkinson, N.H., whom he married in 1861, died two years later. His present wife was before marriage Mary E. Craig, of Auburn, Mass. Mrs. French's mother is still living; and, although she has reached the age of eighty-three years, she sews without the aid of glasses, threading her own needle. She is at present working upon what will prove to be a very handsome silk quilt. Mrs. Craig possesses all her mental faculties, but has sustained some bodily injuries from the effects of a fall, and is now unable to walk.

Aspiration to political prominence is not a part of Mr. French's nature; and, aside from casting his vote in support of the Republican party, he takes no part in politics. What leisure time he has at his disposal he prefers to devote to church work, having faithfully served as a Deacon of the Congregational church for twenty years; and he is also the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

WILLIAM D. COCHRANE, of Windham, one of the Commissioners of Rockingham County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Windham, September 28, 1829,

son of Captain Isaac and Annis (Dinsmore) Cochrane. The family, which is of Scotch-Irish origin, was founded by John Cochrane, an early settler of Windham. His son, James Cochrane, grandfather of William D., was born in this town, and here spent his life, chiefly occupied in farming.

Captain Isaac Cochrane, Mr. Cochrane's father, also a native and lifelong resident of Windham, successfully carried on the farm now owned and occupied by his son. He took an active part in public affairs, first as a Whig, and later as a Republican. He was a Selectman during the years 1823, 1824, and 1825, served as Town Treasurer for five years, and held a captain's commission in the State militia. He was a man of unusual energy and perseverance, who took advantage of every opportunity for advancement. He continued in the active management of his property up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1862. His wife, in maidenhood Annis Dinsmore, was a native of this town. Of her children by him there are living: James, Charles, Isaac, Mary, Ellen, and William D. She died in 1874.

JOHN S. STEVENS, a veteran agriculturist, was born June 1, 1819, in the town of Brentwood, where he has since resided. His father, Fifield Stevens, was descended from one of the pioneer settlers of the place. He was a cooper by trade, and in addition to this occupation was engaged successfully in farming, having purchased the homestead now occupied by his son, John S., in 1821. He married Nancy Brown, who was born in Kingston, this county. Their daughter Jane, one of their four children, is no longer living; Catherine, the surviving daughter, is the wife of Andrew G. Dudley, of Brentwood; and Samuel F., the only brother of John S. Stevens, is a resident of Boston. The mother passed from earth in 1852, and the father in 1862.

According to tradition the first ancestor of the Stevens family in America was a native of the West Highlands of Scotland, and a descendant of the early Britons. Nearly two hundred years ago Samuel Stevens, the great-great-grandfather of John S., moved from New Market to that part of Exeter now included in Brentwood. History records the names of several of the white inhabitants of New Hampshire who in the early part of the eighteenth century were captured by the Indians, and carried away to Canada, among them Edward Hall in 1706, and William Moody, Samuel Stevens, and two sons of Jeremiah Gilman in 1709. Moody, it is said, was burned at the stake — roasted and devoured, the gruesome story has it. Others escaped or were released, one of them happily winning the favor of the French and Indians by building a saw-mill. After regaining his freedom, Samuel Stevens returned to Exeter, where his name is on the list of tax-payers for 1718. He settled on land which he and his brother had purchased, spending there the rest of his days. He married a Miss Gordon, and they reared a large family.

Their son, Edward Stevens, inherited a portion of the homestead, and spent his life there. He was a Captain in the Colonial militia and active in town affairs, serving on the first Board of Selectmen of Brentwood. He married a Miss Burleigh, of New Market, by whom he had eleven children. Ensign Samuel Stevens, the grandfather of John S., inherited a part of the homestead, to which he added by the purchase of adjoining land, residing there throughout his life. Besides engaging in general farming, he learned the trade of a cooper, and conducted that business also. He lived to be seventy-seven years old. Nancy Brown, his wife, was a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Meserve) Brown. Her father was a farmer, and so far as known a lifelong resident of Kingston. Her mother was a daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Meserve, of Portsmouth, who "rendered highly meritorious services" at the first and second sieges of Louisburg as well as at Crown Point and Fort Edward, and he died at Louisburg in 1758.

John S. Stevens was but two years of age when his parents removed to this farm, where he was reared, and which has since been his home. He obtained his education in the district schools of this town, and under his father's direction early became practically ac-

quainted with the various branches of farming, which has been his life occupation. As long as his father lived, he assisted him in the care of the farm; and he finally succeeded to its ownership. He has one hundred acres of fertile land, much of it being under cultivation; and he raises good crops of hay, corn, and potatoes as his principal products. In politics Mr. Stevens is a stanch Republican. He was formerly active, and is still influential in local affairs. He has held various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen, having been Selectman several terms, besides which in 1870 and 1874 he represented his district in the State legislature.

On October 8, 1851, Mr. Stevens married M. Anne Kimball, a daughter of the late John Kimball, who was a prominent resident of Exeter, for many years a Justice of the Peace, and at one time a Representative in the State legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens have seven children, namely: William F., now residing in Lowell, Mass., who married Emma Harris, of Exeter; Mary N., who lives in Exeter; Sarah K., residing in Boston; James L., who lives on the parental homestead, of which he has now the charge, and who married Amy Whitmore, of New Haven; Emma, residing at home; and Elizabeth and Anne, both residents of Boston.

JOSEPH JUDKINS, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed farmers of Kingston, was born in this town, January 16, 1817, son of Henry and Lydia (Brown) Judkins. Several generations of the family have resided in Kingston. As early as 1725 Benjamin and Samuel Judkins, brothers, were residents of the town. Samuel, who died February 23, 1741, had two sons, namely: Joel, born September 25, 1712; and John, born February 18, 1719. The second son, John, was married in November, 1750, to Esther Sweat, who bore him the following children: John, in 1753; Stephen, in 1756; Elisha, in 1758; and Samuel, in 1760.

Joel Judkins, the elder son of the first Samuel, was the next progenitor of Joseph Judkins. He was married on January 1, 1735, to Mehitabel Calkins, whose children by him were: Samuel, born June 8, 1736; Moses, born February 3, 1738; Aner, born September 11, 1739; Leonard, born in September, 1741; Joseph, born August 23, 1743; Abi, born August 9, 1745; Mehitabel, born May 23, 1747, who died in 1749; Benjamin, born April 18, 1749; Henry, born December 5, 1750; and Caleb, born April 16, 1753. Henry Judkins, who was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, died October 20, 1825. He married Mary Barnard, and with her reared seven children — Hannah, Mary, Abigail, Esther, Henry, Joel, and Mehitabel. Henry, the eldest son, who was the father of Joseph Judkins, died June 20, 1839. He was married November 28, 1811, to Lydia Brown, who died January 13, 1819. Their children were: Simeon B., born July 23, 1812, married Catherine Hoyt, and died July 8, 1877; Louisa S., born October 10, 1814, who died October 25, 1825; and Joseph, the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Judkins was educated in the district schools near his home and at Kingston Academy. He was learning the carpenter's trade at Kingston Village, when he was called home on account of the sickness of his father. His father's death subsequently threw the care of the homestead upon him, and he therefore abandoned his plan of becoming a carpenter. Since that time, up to within a few years, he has been actively engaged in general farming and in operating a grist-mill. Mr. Judkins is a worthy representative of the family from which he comes. He has been Director of the Rockingham Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Exeter, N.H., for thirty years, and the company's agent for Kingston for forty-one years.

Mr. Judkins has been twice married. The first occasion was in September, 1846, when he was united to Hannah E. Blake, daughter of Enoch Blake, of Pittsfield, N.H. She died June 10, 1863. By his second marriage he was wedded to Abbie S. Thyng, a native of Brentwood, N.H., born August 5, 1820, a daughter of James and Mehitable (Judkins) Thyng. Mr. Thyng, carpenter and farmer, was a native of Brentwood. His wife was born in Kingston. Mr. Judkins, by his first wife, became the father of three children,

namely: Henry E., born July 23, 1847, who died December 1, 1865; Enoch B., born March 6, 1850, a book-keeper in Haverhill, N.H., who married Miss Nellie A. True, and has one child, Etta M.; and Arthur R., born March 30, 1859. Arthur R. Judkins now has charge of the farm and mill, his father having retired from active work on account of ill health. He married Delia A., who was born August 13, 1865, daughter of Joseph and Mary E. (Fifield) Page, of Brentwood. He has now two children — Henry F., born February 13, 1890; and Elsie E., born August 4, 1893.

Mr. Judkins, Sr., is prominent among the Republicans of the district, and has served as Town Treasurer, and in the capacity of Selectman for several terms. He is a member of the Congregational society, and liberally supports religious work and other good causes. A well-informed man, he has gained some of his information by reading, and much by travel and personal observation. He was one of the first to attend the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. On that occasion he extended his journey through the South, visiting many places of historical interest. In the vicinity of his home he is well known, and holds the regard of all his acquaintances.

DANIEL C. HOOKE, a prominent and prosperous farmer of the town of Fremont, Rockingham County, was born November 24, 1831, being the worthy representative of one of the earliest settlers of the place. The old Hooke homestead, which he now owns and occupies, has been in the possession of the family for several generations, the house having been erected about two hundred years ago.

Mr. Hooke's great-grandfather, Elisha Hooke, was born in Danville, but came here at a very early age, settling on the present home farm while it was yet in its primeval wildness. Having cleared a portion of the land, he engaged in farming, living here until his death. Moses Hooke, Sr., son of Elisha, inherited the homestead property, on which he spent his entire life, being employed in tilling the soil and in adding to the improvements already inaugurated. His son, Moses, Jr., was the father of Daniel C. Hooke.

Moses Hooke, Jr., was a lifelong resident of Fremont, where he led an active and useful life until his death in 1871. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and, in addition to this employment, carried on an extensive business in butchering. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary Brown, was a native of Fremont, where she died a few years after her marriage, leaving two children: Mary Ann, now the wife of John C. Sanborn, of Fremont; and Daniel C., the special subject of this sketch.

Daniel C. Hooke was but an infant when his mother died, and he was reared to man's estate by his paternal grandparents. He was the recipient of excellent educational advantages, attending the Kingston and Atkinson Academies. On attaining his majority, Mr. Hooke purchased the old homestead property, on which he has always lived, and has since carried on farming and lumbering on an extensive scale. He has six hundred acres of land; and, in addition to his large crops of corn, hay, and potatoes, he has a fine orchard, which produces many varieties of apples.

In politics Mr. Hooke adheres closely to the principles of the Republican party, which he has always supported. He has served with faithfulness in the various offices of the town, and during the years of 1863 and 1864 he represented his district in the State Assembly. For fifteen years he was Selectman, being Chairman of the board the most of the time. He was also Chairman of the School Board five years, and at present he is creditably filling the office of Justice of the Peace. He is an influential member of the local grange of Patrons of Husbandry. In religion he is a Universalist. From his father, who was a somewhat noted music-teacher, Mr. Hooke inherited a talent for music, which he has cultivated to some extent, and is a fine vocalist. He at one time belonged to a quartette of which he was the leader; and it is perfectly safe to say he has sung at more funeral services than any other person in this vicinity, his rich and sympathetic voice being especially impressive on such occasions.

Mr. Hooke was married December 15, 1857,

to Mary Ann French, who was born September 20, 1834, in Danville, daughter of Jonathan and Abigail French, lifelong residents of that place. She died July 18, 1871, leaving three children — Arthur P., Lincoln F., and Mary Abbie. Arthur P., born February 14, 1859, died September 23, 1883. Lincoln F., who resides on the old homestead, which he assists in managing, was born January 12, 1861. He married September 3, 1888, Miss Nellie H. Simpson, who died February 15, 1892, leaving one child, Lyman Simpson Hooke, who was born November 26, 1890. Mary Abbie, born December 8, 1864, was engaged in teaching school for a few terms prior to her death, which occurred December 24, 1886. On September 3, 1873, Mr Hooke was married to Mrs. Ellen Emery Simpson, a native of Bangor, Me. She was born June 3, 1835, being a daughter of Oliver H. and Hannah O. (Porter) Emery, who spent their last years at College Hill, Mass., the mother living to the venerable age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Hooke was first married October 8, 1855, to James Simpson, of South Berwick, Me. He died in 1868, leaving her with two children, namely: a daughter, Nellie Harris Simpson, who married Lincoln F. Hooke, son of Daniel C., and died in 1892, as above mentioned; and a son, James T. Simpson, now lives in the West.

LEWIS H. DEARBORN, a successful business man and one of the leading residents of East Candia, was born in this town, February 8, 1846, son of Asa F. and Melinda (Bartlett) Dearborn. Mr. Dearborn's grandfather, John Dearborn, a native of Danville, N.H., was for several years engaged in the butchering business. At a later date John Dearborn worked at the shoemaker's trade, also cultivating a farm in Granville, N.H. After a very busy life, he died in 1866, aged eighty years. He attended the Methodist Episcopal church, while in politics he supported the Whig party. Of his children by his first marriage he reared John C., Samuel, Asa F. Nabby, and Marian. There were no children born of his second marriage.

Asa F. Dearborn, who was born in Granville, came in young manhood to Candia. He was an energetic and successful farmer and stock dealer. In religious belief he was a Methodist, in politics a Democrat; and he was much respected in the community. He died May 30, 1873, at the age of forty-nine years. His wife, Melinda, became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are living, namely: George J., who resides in Candia; Lewis H., twin brother of George J., and the subject of this sketch; Charles A., who occupies the old homestead; Melinda F., the wife of Daniel N. Ellsworth, of Haverhill, Mass.; Julia A., the wife of Norris J. Tilton, of Raymond, N.H.; Abbie, who married George A. Robinson, of Manchester, N.H.; and Lucy B., the wife of Melville Nason, of the same city.

Lewis H. Dearborn acquired his education in the schools of Candia. After ending his studies he assisted in carrying on the home farm until he was twenty-four years old. For the next three years he was engaged as a butcher; and at the expiration of that time he formed a copartnership with F. P. Brown, under the firm name of L. H. Dearborn & Co., and established a grocery store at East Candia. One year later he sold his interest to his associate, and engaged in lumbering, which he continued for four seasons with good results. He then took up the building business, which he has since followed. The residences of J. A. Holt, Jere Brown, and three houses and a store for Frank Brown are samples of his work. He was one of the building committee appointed to oversee the construction of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he has been connected with most of the important building enterprises of the town for several years past. He owns and occupies a good farm, which he also carries on successfully. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. He has been Selectman for two terms, and was for several years constable and policeman. He has declined reelection to the Board of Selectmen and the nomination for Representative to the State legislature.

On April 17, 1869, Mr. Dearborn wedded Elbra M. Woodman. She was born in Ray-

mond, N.H., daughter of Jonathan and Melinda A. (Stickney) Woodman, of that town. The Woodman family is an old and highly reputable one in this county. Her grandfather, Jonathan Woodman, of Deerfield, N.H., an industrious farmer and shoemaker, was a well-known citizen of his day and a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Sally, bore him seven children, of whom the sole survivor is Luella, the widow of David Woodman, late of South Hampton, N.H. Jonathan Woodman, Mrs. Dearborn's father, was a prosperous farmer and a leading man of Raymond. He was highly respected by his fellow-townsmen, to whom he rendered valuable service for several years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. In politics he acted with the Republican party, and he was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His last days were spent upon his farm in Raymond, where he resided during the greater part of his active period, and he died in February, 1894, aged seventy-four years. With his wife, Melinda, he reared two children, namely: Zelinda A., the wife of Lawrence E. Perkins; and Elbra, now Mrs. Dearborn. Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn have one son, Earl H., who is now residing in Haverhill, Mass. Mr. Dearborn's religious creed is that of the Methodist denomination. He is a Mason of Junietta Lodge, No. 47, of Raymond.

ROBERT SMITH FRENCH, an enterprising agriculturist of Danville and a native of this place, was born October 27, 1831, son of Jonathan French, Jr., and Abigail (Folsom) French. His grandfather, Jonathan French, Sr., was a lifelong resident of Danville township. Jonathan French, Jr., was engaged in farming throughout his active period, his home being in the eastern part of the town. He was well known in this vicinity as a man of ability and integrity; and, besides being Selectman of the town for several years, he represented it for three years in the State legislature. His wife bore him five children, of whom Robert Smith is the only one now living. The others were: Jonathan, who was engaged in teaching; Daniel, who married Miss Fannie Littlefield, who is now living in Haverhill, Mass.; Arthur, of whom no special record seems to have been preserved; and Mary Ann, who married Daniel C. Hooke. The mother, who was born and reared in Newport, Me., is also deceased.

Robert Smith French had but few educational advantages compared with the youth of the present generation. Beginning almost in childhood, his services were needed on the home farm when he should have been at school. After reaching the age of twenty-five he worked in the neighborhood for two years as a farm laborer. At the time of his marriage he settled on the farm, where he is still engaged in general farming and charcoal burning. This estate formerly belonged to his father-in-law, and is known as the old Peaslee farm. It contains one hundred and forty acres of land, a large portion of which is in a good state of cultivation, and yields good harvests each year. Mr. French has added material improvements to the property since he became the occupant. He takes an active interest in local affairs, and has served his fellow-citizens in various offices, besides which he represented the town of Danville in the State legislature in 1882. In politics he is a stanch Republican, never swerving from party allegiance.

Mr. French was married to Mary C. Peaslee, a native of Danville, born December 23, 1840. Her father, the late Caleb Peaslee, was born and reared in this township, where he was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. His widow, formerly Hannah Green, now an aged woman of ninety years, lives with her daughter, Mrs. French. Mr. and Mrs. French have one child, Arthur P., born November 12, 1864, who is a well-educated young man, popular with his companions, and one of the leading members of the social circles of Danville. Mrs. French is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HERBERT A. MARDEN, a well-known carpenter and builder of Portsmouth, was born here, February 4, 1849, son of George E. and Mary E. (Thomas) Marden. Captain Israel Marden, the grandfather of Herbert A., and a na-

tive of Portsmouth, was a stage-driver for a number of years, and afterward became an innkeeper. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a Captain in the town militia. He married Miss Nudd, of Maine; and they had five children, two of whom, Asa and Israel, are now living at Greenland, this county. The father lived to be seventy-four years of age.

George E. Marden was a carpenter by trade, and served as foreman of the Eldridge Brewing Company for seventeen years. Subsequently he went into business for himself. Regarding politics he followed in the wake of his father, holding unswervingly to Democratic principles. He was Selectman from Ward 2 of Portsmouth for a time. His wife, Mary, who was a daughter of James Thomas, of Rye, this county, bore him seven children, six of whom are still living; namely, George A., Eldridge C., Herbert A., Clara J., Ida E., and Emma L. Levi W. died in May, 1889. The father's death also occurred in 1889, when he was seventy-three years old.

Herbert A. Marden attended the Portsmouth public schools. After leaving the high school he was employed in Laighton Brothers' hotel at the Isles of Shoals for three years. From there he went to Dover, N.H., to learn the blacksmith's trade. Having finished his three years' apprenticeship in 1873, he began to learn the carpenter's trade. Three more years were spent in doing this, since which time he has followed the carpenter's trade continuously. He formed a copartnership with Daniel P. Pendexter, under the name of Pendexter & Marden, which lasted for some time; but since 1893 Mr. Marden has been in business alone.

In 1879 Mr. Marden married Carrie B. Clark, daughter of Edmund and Dorothy Clark, of Portsmouth, and has since become the father of two children, both still at home. He has always supported the Democratic party in politics. Since 1873 he has been a member of the fire department, of which he has been Chief Engineer for about ten years. His first period of service was from 1884 to 1890. Having been re-elected in 1891, he has now held the office continuously for nearly five years. His first engine was Dearborn Steamer No. 1. Later he had charge of the W. H. Goodrich Steamer, No. 4. Mr. Marden is quite prominent in Masonic and kindred organizations. He has passed all the chairs in the New Hampshire Lodge, No. 17, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of Massasoit Tribe of Red Men, No. 16, and of Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He is also connected with the Firemen's Relief Association, which he served as President for about three years.

DR. ALBERT TEFFT SEVERANCE, a prominent dentist of Exeter and a war-scarred veteran, was born in Brewer, Me., September 17, 1842, son of Thomas and Lydia (Lovell) Severance. Thomas Severance, a native and a lifelong resident of the State of Maine, was a tanner and currier, and followed his trade during the greater part of his life. He was highly respected in the community in which he lived, and was frequently honored with public positions of trust and responsibility. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his grandfather served as an officer under Ethan Allen at the capture of Ticonderoga. He died in 1857. His wife, who was born in Hingham, Mass., died in Newark, N.J., in 1878. She also came from patriotic stock. Her grandfather was wounded and made a prisoner at Bunker Hill, and subsequently served under Washington in Virginia. A martial spirit and a love of native land are therefore very natural characteristics of Dr. Severance. Besides himself two other children of his parents are living. These are: Willis E. and Charlotte L., who reside in Newark, N.J.

Dr. Albert Tefft Severance received his primary schooling in Dexter, Me. When the tocsin of war sounded in 1861, he was the first man from Dexter to don the blue. He was enrolled in Company H, Sixth Maine Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, and was in active service for a period of three years. During that time he received ten wounds, one by a bayonet thrust inflicted at Fredericksburg. His regiment formed a part of the Light Brigade of the Army of the Potomac, and was commanded by that brilliant fighter, General

W. S. Hancock. At Fredericksburg he was promoted on the field of battle, a distinction conferred on but one other member of his regiment. He was mustered out as a non-commissioned officer with the rank of Sergeant. Returning to his native State, he took up his studies where he had left them, and subsequently entered the dental profession. In 1885 he became a resident of Exeter, and during the years that he has lived in this town he has made many friends and gained a position of prominence through his professional skill.

In 1876 Dr. Severance was united in marriage with Miss Seddie E. Leavitt, of New Market. He is a stalwart Republican, believing firmly in the principles of his party and actively working for the interests of his party. He is Secretary and Treasurer of the Rockingham County Republican Club and President of the Exeter Republican Club. He has efficiently filled the position of superintendent of schools at New Market. His connection with fraternal organizations is limited to membership in the Masonic Order.

EDWARD BALLOU, who at one time was a prominent resident of Derry, was born in November, 1799, in the town of Deerfield, this county. His parents were Jonathan and Jeannette (McGregor) Ballou, and he was a grandson of one of the earlier settlers of Deerfield.

Edward Ballou was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and on his father's farm obtained a practical training in the various branches of husbandry. In his earlier years he conducted a general store in Deerfield. Some time in 1821 he settled in Londonderry, which continued to be his home for a few years. In 1829 he came to Derry, and here purchased the farm now occupied by his widow and her family. He was a skilful and successful farmer, and was also largely engaged in lumbering and coopering. As a cooper he manufactured fish barrels, mostly for the market of Newburyport, Mass. In delivering them he made the journey to and fro with an ox team, the condition of the country roads in those days making any other mode of transportation almost impossible. Mr. Ballou, who was a man of much influence in the town, served it as Selectman for several years, and for two years was its Representative in the State legislature. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, and was a valued member of the Presbyterian church of East Derry.

Mr. Ballou was married to Isabella D. McGregor, who was born in Londonderry in 1806, daughter of James McGregor. Her paternal grandfather, James McGregor, Sr., was born and bred in Rhode Island, whence he came to Derry, where he reared his family. Mrs. Ballou's father was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as Sergeant in a company of New Hampshire men. He married Miss Rosanna Aiken, a native of the town of Auburn, this county. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ballou three are deceased — Sarah W., Isabella D., and Nancy R. The seven now living are: George W., Mary C., Nancy R., Louise, Jeanette M., Samuel A., and Edwin P. Mary C. is the wife of George Seavey, of Windham, this county; Nancy R. is the wife of Caleb Clark, also of Windham; and Louise is the wife of Thomas Chapman, of Windham. The father died on the homestead in 1863. Mrs. Ballou, now ninety years old, is a typical representative of the pioneer women of Rockingham County. She has a large circle of friends, who heartily wish that her life, strength, and faculties may long be spared to her. She is a practical Christian and an esteemed member of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM E. MARVIN, member of the law firm of Frink & Marvin, of Portsmouth, was born here, January 1, 1872, son of William Marvin. The Marvins have been residents of this country for two hundred years. The first bearers of the name were three brothers who came from England. William E. Marvin is directly descended from Edmund Marvin. William Marvin, the grandfather of William E., was a wholesale fish dealer. William Marvin, Jr., who was also engaged in the same business, married, and was the father of four children, of whom William E. was the third-born.

William E. Marvin graduated from the Portsmouth High School in the class of 1890, and then entered the Law School of Harvard University, from which he received the degree of LL.D. In March, 1893, he was admitted to the bar; and, after practising law for two or three months alone, he became a member of the law firm of Frink & Batchelder in August, 1894. At Judge Batchelder's death in September, 1894, the firm name was changed to Frink & Marvin. Their practice continues thriving and lucrative.

In politics Mr. Marvin is a Democrat. At the present time he is President of the Board of Selectmen at New Castle, N.H., on which he has served two years. He is a member of the Southern New Hampshire Bar Association and a communicant of the St. John's Episcopal Church of this city.

ASA W. BROWN, of Kensington, N.H., a member of the farming community and an earnest student in the fields of genealogy, archæology, and astrology, was born in Kensington, April 25, 1827, son of Emery and Hannah Locke (Gove) Brown. He is of English descent. His first ancestor in this country, John Brown, who was born in the mother country about 1589, sailed on the ship "Whale" in 1636, with a Mr. Dummer, and on arriving in America located in Hampton, N.H., being the first settler there. In 1638 he and his brother James were special envoys to England, sent for the purpose of procuring colonists to people the district. He died in Hampton, February 28, 1687. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Dummer, died July 6, 1672, aged about fifty-four years. The next in line of descent was Benjamin Brown, who was born in Hampton about 1650. He married Sarah Brown, of Salisbury, Mass., who was born April 12, 1658. Their son William, who was born in Hampton, June 5, 1680, married Ann Heath, a native of Haverhill, Mass., born June 30, 1684. Their son Benjamin married Elizabeth Batchelder. Both were natives of Kensington, the former born September 10, 1713, the latter May 10, 1716. Their son, Stephen Brown, who was born in Kensington, June 5, 1750, married Elizabeth Nudd, of the same place, born May 2, 1752. Their son John, known in later life as Deacon John Brown, was a native of Kensington, born July 15, 1779. He married Lucy Rowe, who was born in East Kingston, November 26, 1784.

Their son Emery, the father of Asa W. Brown, was born in Kensington, July 29, 1804. He was reared on a farm, and, being a man of progressive views and business talent, seeing good opportunities in the produce trade, opened a stall in Quincy Market, Boston, where for years he conducted a prosperous trade. He made a specialty of butter and cheese, and was well known in business circles in several of our large cities as "Butter Brown." A very energetic man, he recognized no limit to the scope of his operations; and his transactions extended even to the Far West. In 1845 he moved to Cincinnati, where he now resides, the oldest Kensington man living to-day. In early life Mr. Brown was a Democrat; but later his opinions changed, and he joined the Republican party. He is liberal in religious belief, but favors the Baptist church. He and his wife were born on the same day, July 29, 1804.

Mrs. Emery Brown was the daughter of Enoch and Hannah (Dearborn) Gove, and like her husband belonged to an old New England family of English origin. Her immigrant ancestor, John Gove, came from London, and settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1646, dying there in November, 1647. His son, Edward Gove, was born in England in 1639, and was a resident of Salisbury, Mass., as early as 1657. He died in Hampton, N.H., July 29, 1691. Edward Gove was married in Salisbury to Hannah Partridge, of that town; and their son John, who was born in Hampton, September 19, 1661, is the next in line. John Gove died in Hampton Falls (which place was called Hampton in his father's time), October 15, 1737. His wife's name was Sarah. John Gove, the son of this couple, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Brown. He was born in Hampton Falls (later known as Seabrook), October 29, 1689, and died there March 23, 1759. His wife, whose maiden name was Ruth Johnson, was born in Hampton, Febru-



EMERY BROWN, born July 29, 1804; ASA W. BROWN, born April 25, 1827; ALBERT EMERY BROWN, born March 27, 1854; PEARLY OLIVET BROWN, born October 1, 1881.

ary 24, 1695, and died in Seabrook, June 30, 1766. Mrs. Brown's grandfather, Obadiah Gove, was born in Seabrook, September 2, 1723, and died in Kensington in December, 1780. His wife was Mary Dow, a native of Salisbury, Mass., born November 24, 1728. She died in Kensington, October 21, 1811. Enoch Gove, Mrs. Brown's father, was born in Kensington, August 10, 1764, and died there December 3, 1828. His wife, Hannah Dearborn Gove, was born in the same town, July 23, 1768, and died there June 2, 1842. Mrs. Emery Brown, mother of Asa W., died in Cincinnati, September 28, 1892, aged eighty-eight years. She was the mother of four sons and one daughter — Asa W., Eliza K. (deceased), Charles E., George O., and Lewis G. Lewis G. Brown served throughout the war of the Rebellion, toward the close as Colonel of a colored regiment.

Asa W. Brown was educated in Boston, Mass., Brooklyn, N.Y., and Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a close student even in boyhood, and was honored with the Franklin Medal at Boston in 1840. On leaving school he engaged in the butter business with his father; but he had no taste for commerce, his talent running in other lines. He was successfully engaged as a music teacher in Cincinnati for over thirty-five years, teaching both vocal and instrumental music. While giving the hours of the day to this work, he devoted the night to archæological and astrological research, and as the result of his studies he possesses the key to the zodiac. He has also been a close student of the Bible, especially of the Old Testament prophecies and chronology, and is thoroughly at home in a class of ancient lore of which few at the present day are masters. He hopes soon to place some interesting works before the public. Mr. Brown moved to Kensington in April, 1895. He has a farm of one hundred and eighteen acres, and is improving the ground and remodelling the residence.

He was married June 11, 1853, to Mrs. Anna Wagar, of Cleveland, Ohio, by whom he has one son, Albert Emery, born in Rockport, Ohio, March 27, 1854. Albert E. Brown married Miss Sarah Stearns, and has four children — Pearlie O., Eben, Louis, and Rachel. He is living, with his wife and family, on the farm with his father. Mr. Brown has been a member of the Republican party since its formation. He and his wife are of the Swedenborgian belief.

The accompanying portrait, representing four generations of the Brown family, will interest many readers of this volume.

ARTHUR B. WILLIAMS, Chairman and Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of Derry, was born in Nashua, this State, August 15, 1871. He is the son of Stephen and Mary S. (Case) Williams, the former a native of Canaan, N.H., the latter of Richmond, Vt. Stephen Williams was a cousin of Longfellow, the poet, through his mother, who belonged to the Longfellow family. He was for many years engaged in the manufacture of furniture in Nashua, and in 1879 retired to a farm in Derry, where he died June 18, 1895. In politics Mr. Williams was a Republican. He was an active church member, and served as Trustee and Steward of the Methodist Episcopal Society in Derry. His wife, who is now sixty-two years of age, is still living in this town.

Arthur B. Williams, who was eight years old when his parents came to Derry, received much of his education in this town. He studied the higher branches in Pinkerton Academy, taking a two years' course, and laid the foundations of his commercial knowledge at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Manchester, N.H. In June, 1891, he became a member of the firm of Smith & Williams at Derry Depot. At that time he was on the road as travelling salesman for Thomas Wood & Co., wholesale tea and coffee jobbers of Boston. The experience obtained through these two connections has been of much service to him since. In 1894 he settled permanently in Derry, where he has since been engaged in mercantile business. Mr. Williams is an energetic and intelligent young man, who has already achieved success, and ranks among the rising commercial men of the county.

Mr. Williams was united in marriage with Addie J. Durkee, a native of Vermont. In

politics he is a Republican, and he has evinced much sagacity and forethought in matters of public moment. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen in March, 1896. His subsequent selection for the offices of Chairman and Clerk of the Board indicates the high degree of respect his townsmen entertain for his judgment and executive ability.

AARON JEWETT, late of Stratham, a veteran of the War of 1812 and formerly a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, June 2, 1781, son of Jacob and Deborah (Light) Jewett. The family is of English origin, and the original ancestor in America was Maximillian Jewett, a native of Yorkshire, England, who emigrated with other members of his family in 1638, and was one of the first settlers of Rowley, Mass. The first bearer of the name to settle in this county was Joseph Jewett, Aaron Jewett's grandfather. Born in Rowley, December 31, 1700, he came to Stratham about the year 1721, and some years later settled upon the farm which has since been the homestead of his descendants. He was known in his day as a "gentleman." He was a man who possessed much natural ability and a high order of intelligence. He died at the homestead in 1765. His wife, a native of Stratham, whose maiden name was Anna Wiggin, survived him some years. Jacob Jewett was born in Stratham in 1743. He inherited the homestead where he resided until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old. He was an industrious, energetic man and a worthy citizen. His wife, Deborah, who was born in Exeter, N.H., in 1749, became the mother of six children, all of whom grew to maturity, and have since passed away. She lived to the age of eighty-four years.

Aaron Jewett attended the district schools of Stratham in his boyhood. At the age of fifteen he was bound out as an apprentice in Pittsfield, N.H., where he learned the trades of carpenter and cabinet-maker. He succeeded to the homestead, upon which he resided for the greater part of his life. Many residences of the town now standing were erected by him. He cultivated his farm of ninety acres with profit; and, as his business operations were always successful financially, he accumulated a comfortable fortune. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812. Later he rose to a position of prominence in public affairs, serving as a Selectman for a number of years and as Representative to the State legislature of 1832–33. In the legislature he displayed marked ability and rare judgment in the transaction of public business.

On November 14, 1808, Aaron Jewett wedded Nancy Smith, who was born in Stratham, September 27, 1784, daughter of Theophilus and Anna (Wiggin) Smith. The late Mr. Jewett, who was deeply attached to his home and family, gave his children the advantages of a liberal education. At his death, which occurred August 23, 1852, he left them all in easy circumstances. His wife died May 2, 1854. Both were members of the Congregational church. Their children were: Mary Ann, Sophia Smith, Eliza Jane, Sarah Frances, and Deborah Light. The only survivor is Deborah Light Jewett, who still resides at the ancestral homestead. She received her education in South New Market, at Hampton Academy, at Tilton, N.H., and in Cambridge, Mass. She taught school for a number of terms, being very successful as an educator; but the greater part of her life has been spent at her home in Stratham. She is a member of the Congregational church, and devotes much of her time to church and Sunday-school work. She is highly respected for her many commendable qualities of heart and mind, and she enjoys pleasant and cordial social relations with a large number of friends and acquaintances here.

GEORGE WARD, an experienced locomotive engineer of Portsmouth, was born in New Hampton, N.H., August 2, 1841, son of Benjamin and Sally (Pease) Ward. Tradition says that the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch came to New Hampton in pioneer times, and reclaimed a farm from the wilderness. Noah Ward, the grandfather, who was also a farmer, lived and died in that town. He married

Sally Sanborn, of Meredith, N.H.; and they had six children, four boys and two girls, only one of whom, a daughter, is now living. His son Benjamin, the father of George, spent his life in agricultural pursuits in New Hampton, and died at the age of fifty-one years. His wife, Sally, who was a daughter of Simeon Pease, of Meredith, had five children by him, four boys and one girl, three of whom are now living.

George Ward, the youngest son of his parents, was educated in the public schools of his native town. At the age of twenty-two years he obtained a position as fireman on the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad, and thereafter worked in that capacity for two and a half years. He was then made engineer of a shifter, and continued to fill that position for twenty-eight consecutive years. In October, 1895, Mr. Ward was given charge of a passenger engine on the road between Portsmouth and Manchester, which is his present employment. He attends religious service at Christ Church of the Episcopalian denomination. In politics he has always been a Democrat. He is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.

He was united in marriage with Alice W. Parker, a daughter of Charles Parker, of Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have three children, two girls and a boy. Ella, the eldest daughter, married Arthur J. Freeman, of Portsmouth. The son is attending a commercial college, and the other daughter lives at home with her parents. Mr. Ward's long service in the most responsible of positions is in itself a high encomium on his character and ability.

GEORGE P. HARVELL, a representative agriculturist of Londonderry and a native of the town, was born January 4, 1859, son of Joseph and Sallie (Menter) Harvell. His father, who was born in Litchfield, N.H., grew to manhood in that place, receiving his education in the common schools. Over half a century ago he came to Londonderry and settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his son, the subject of this sketch. For about thirty years he divided his time between his farm and the work of clock repairing in Londonderry and adjoining towns. When away on the latter business, the care of the farm was turned over to this son. He resided on this place until his death, May 9, 1889. In politics he was a Republican. He was an esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he also served acceptably as Steward and Trustee. His wife, Sallie, born in Londonderry, was a daughter of James Menter, and a descendant of one of the oldest families of this town.

George P. Harvell, the only surviving child of his parents, was but nine years old at the time of his mother's death. He was educated in the common schools of Londonderry, and grew to manhood on the farm which has always been his home. This farm, containing one hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, is situated in the western part of the town. On it he is successfully engaged in general farming. Like his father he is a Republican, but with an inclination to broader views. The Londonderry Grange counts him among its most highly esteemed members, and he is a Trustee as well as a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LANGDON M. PERKINS, a contractor and builder, carrying on his business in Portsmouth, N.H., was born in this city, April 25, 1834. His father, Elias Perkins, was a native of Maine. He was born March 16, 1797, and removed to Portsmouth in the days of his early manhood, continuing his residence in this place until his demise, March 20, 1881. He served in the War of 1812, although but a boy at the time, being among the youngest volunteers in the service. During his active period he was principally engaged in agricultural pursuits, but for some five years carried on the ice business, being a pioneer in that line. In politics he affiliated with the Democratic party, and in religion he held the Christian Baptist faith, he and his wife being esteemed members of the church at Rye. He married Mary, daughter of Mark Lang, of Portsmouth; and of the ten children included in their family circle Langdon M. is the only one now living.

Langdon M. Perkins spent his years of boyhood and youth on the parental homestead, where he assisted in the labors of the field when out of school, obtaining a practical training in the various branches of farming. While still a young man, desirous of learning the carpenter's trade, toward which his tastes and talents inclined, he went to Rye, where he served a three years' apprenticeship with Lemuel Bunker. Going thence to Somerville, Mass., Mr. Perkins worked one season with a Mr. Randall, a contractor; and on December 1, 1853, he started for New Orleans, where he remained engaged in carpentering until the following April. He then went up the Mississippi to St. Louis, whence *via* Buffalo and the lakes he returned to Portsmouth. Making his home with his parents, Mr. Perkins then began working for Carr Leavitt, who lived four miles away, walking the intervening distance each night and morning. At length, forming a partnership with Joseph Whidden, under the name of Whidden & Perkins, he established himself in the ice business, which he carried on successfully three years. At the end of that period, selling his share of the business to his partner, Mr. Perkins bought out the ice trade of John Stokell, which he conducted for some years, when, his health failing, he sold out to his brother, and returned to the healthful occupation in which he was reared, buying a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Hartford, Vt. About two years later he came back to Portsmouth, and resumed the ice business. During the following winter he went South, locating in Bessemer, Ala., where he remained until warm weather, when he went to Vermont to look after his agricultural interests. With the exception of the next winter, which he spent in Birmingham, Ala., he carried on general agriculture for three years. Having at this time regained his former vigor, he again settled in Portsmouth, and, in company with his brother George, buying out all the ice business in the city, carried on under the firm name of Perkins Brothers a flourishing business for five years. Once more disposing of his interest in the ice industry, he purchased the bakery of Joseph Parry, and removed the business to the foot of Daniels Street, where in the year that followed, he built up a prosperous trade. Becoming afflicted with rheumatism to such an extent that he was unable to attend to business, he was obliged to close out his shop, paying his indebtedness to the last penny. After that he again entered into the ice business, building a house large enough to hold five hundred tons; but, this being inadequate to meet the demands of his trade, he erected a second house of the same capacity, and the next season put up one capable of holding eight hundred tons. He conducted a flourishing business for seven years, when he sold out, and has since been engaged as a contractor and builder. In 1891 he formed a copartnership with Solomon Littlefield, and under the name of Perkins & Littlefield continued contracting until June, 1894, since which time he has been alone.

Mr. Perkins cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has since been identified with the Republican party. In 1864 he served as Street Commissioner. Socially, he is a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., in which he has served as Deacon, besides holding minor offices; of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has been through all the chairs; and of Strawberry Encampment, in which likewise he has held all the offices. Religiously, he is a member of the Court Street Christian Church. Mr. Perkins is a strictly temperate man, never indulging in strong drinks, and is a fine representative of the self-made men of the times. That he is a man of thrift will be seen from the record of his early experience. On entering his apprenticeship he received thirty-five dollars the first year, sixty dollars the second, and one hundred and twenty-five dollars the third. He made such wise use of this that he was never without money in his pocket, and at the end of the third year had enough to buy a horse.

On October 17, 1860, Mr. Perkins married Lucy F. Parker, the fourth child of Silas Parker, a blacksmith of Bradford, Vt. Mr. Parker served in the Union army in the Civil War, enlisting July 31, 1862, in Company A, Fourth Vermont Regiment, and was discharged one year later for disability. He was

a charter member of Ransom Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Perkins comes of a distinguished family, a distant kinsman of hers, Richard G. Parker, having been a noted teacher in Boston and the author of several books. Her grandfather, Silas Parker, Sr., was a wealthy farmer in Bradford, where he lived to a good old age. Many of her kinsmen are well known in literary and professional circles, being teachers, lawyers, and doctors. She herself was educated at the Thetford Academy. She possesses considerable artistic talent, which she has successfully cultivated. Several of her paintings adorn the home.

H. R. UNDERHILL, a well-known resident of Derry, who for many years was engaged in the manufacture of edge tools, is a native of Auburn, this county, born March 27, 1821. He is the son of Jesse J. and Elizabeth (Graham) Underhill, both natives of Auburn. His grandfather, Josiah Underhill, a blacksmith by trade, was an old resident of Auburn and a well-known character in the locality. Jesse J. Underhill, practically a lifelong resident of Auburn, was one of the most enterprising and prominent men of the town. His occupation for a long period of his life was the manufacture of edge tools. In this industry he employed an average of twelve men, and his goods ranked among the best in the market. A member of the Whig party in his younger manhood, he was prominent as a Republican after the dissolution of the old party. He served the town as Selectman and as a Representative in the State legislature. In church work also he took an active part, holding membership in the Presbyterian Church of Auburn for a number of years, and serving it as a chorister.

H. R. Underhill obtained his early education in a district school in Auburn. The subsequent education, which made him the cultivated man he is to-day, was mainly self-acquired. He entered his father's shop when seventeen years of age, and learned the trade of making edge tools, remaining in a subordinate position until he was of age. His father then retired, leaving him in charge of the business, which he successfully managed for some time. He was subsequently in business for himself in Manchester, N.H.; but the venture proved disastrous, as his plant was destroyed by fire. For some years thereafter he was associated with his brother, S. G. Underhill, in the manufacture of edge tools in Boston, Mass., under the firm name of Underhill Brothers. From this partnership he retired in 1867, and opened a shop for the manufacture of edge tools in Derry, and conducted it until seven years ago. At that time he ceased to manufacture, and has since given his attention to repairing for the local trade. In the sixty years during which Mr. Underhill has worked at his trade he has witnessed many changes in the methods of tempering and fashioning iron and steel. It has always been his idea to produce the best work only, and as a business man he enjoys the confidence of the entire community.

He was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca P. Dickey, who bore him seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Julia Isabel, the wife of H. S. Robinson, of Andover, Mass.; Edward H., residing in Wyoming; Caroline M., the City Librarian at Utica, N.Y.; and George W., with his father. Mr. Underhill is a highly esteemed member of the First Congregational Church of Derry, and has officiated as Deacon. He is always ready to further the interests of the town, and is much respected.

DENNIS SHEA, senior member of the firm D. Shea & Son of Portsmouth, is a typical representative of our self-made men. Beginning life poor in pocket, but lavishly endowed by nature with energy, pluck, and brain, he has succeeded in climbing far up the ladder of prosperity.

Mr. Shea was born March 18, 1836, in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland, where he lived until he was nine years old. Coming to America with his father at that time, he spent the next six years in the city of Lowell, Mass., and then began the battle of life on his own account. He worked two years on the farm of Daniel Coburn in Tyngsboro, an adjoining

town, and then went to Nashua, N.H., where he served a three years' apprenticeship with a Mr. McSterratt, a mason. Having mastered his trade, Mr. Shea worked the following five years in Jersey City in the employment of Hocks, Willis & Baker. In 1858 he accepted a position with Willis & Dayton, and came with the senior partner of the firm to Springfield, Penobscot County, Me., where they started on a very small scale the manufacture of cement pipe, their factory being located in a building sixteen feet by twenty. Their business increasing and more room being needed, Mr. Willis started work elsewhere, leaving Mr. Shea in charge of the Springfield branch for nine years. Then he was sent out with the patentee, and established a few factories for the firm. Subsequently he had charge of their large factory at Northampton, Mass., for three years. In 1870, May 4, having decided to go into business on his own account, he began the manufacture of cement pipe in Dover, this State, and was quite successful in the undertaking. On November 8 of the same year he and Thomas Granfield joined in partnership, forming the firm of D. Shea & Co., and carried on a profitable business for five years. Then Mr. Shea conducted the business alone until 1886, when he took in as an equal partner his son, Patrick D. Shea, who has since been associated with him in his prosperous and thriving business.

On July 7, 1866, Mr. Shea married Hannah Callahan, a native of Ireland. Of their eight children four are living. John is captain on one of the People's Line of steamers; Daniel is electrician for the same company; and a daughter is the wife of a Mr. Sullivan, of Nashua, N.H. In politics Mr. Shea was formerly a Democrat. He is now joined with the Republican party. So far he has not been induced to accept office by either organization.

HENRY W. BAGLEY, an energetic and successful farmer of Derry and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born in Machias, Washington County, Me., June 24, 1857, son of David and Mary (Ward) Bagley. Mr. Bagley's father was a native of Washington County, Maine, where he resided for a greater part of his life; and his principal occupation was that of a saw-mill operative. He owned a small farm, which he cultivated with profit. His industrious and useful life was brought to a close in 1892. His wife, Mary, was a native of England. Of her children the survivors are: Henry W., the subject of this sketch; Nellie, who became Mrs. Albee, and is now a widow residing in Machias; John E.; and Melvin J., who are residents of Machias.

Henry W. Bagley was reared and educated in Machias. When a young man he engaged in lumbering and saw-mill work. He later went to Bay City, Mich., where for three years he followed the same occupation. Upon his return East he located in Derry, where he has since resided. In 1884 he settled upon his present property, situated on the shore of Beaver Pond, and known as Lakeside Farm. Here he owns seventy-six acres of fertile land, which he cultivates with success. He carries on general farming, but devotes considerable attention to the wholesale milk business, which he finds exceedingly profitable.

On December 12, 1883, Mr. Bagley married Lucy A. Alexander, daughter of James and Mary (Dickey) Alexander, both of this town. In politics he is a Democrat, and is now serving his third term as Selectman. He is connected with Echo Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Mystic Shrine Encampment of Derry Depot. He also belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry of this town. Both he and his wife enjoy pleasant social relations.

SAMUEL S. ALEXANDER, one of the oldest residents of Windham, was born in this town, October 9, 1819, son of David and Abigail (Smith) Alexander. Mr. Alexander's father, who was a native of Windham, resided for several years in Derry, but finally returned to his native town, where he died in 1847. His wife, Abigail, who was a native of Littlefield, N.H., became the mother of ten children, of whom the only survivors are: Samuel S., the subject of this sketch; Hannah, the wife of

David P. Snelling, of Kinmundy, Ill.; and John J., a resident of Windham. The father, an industrious and worthy citizen, labored diligently for the support of his large family, and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Samuel S. Alexander grew to manhood in Windham, where he acquired such education as the district schools of that day afforded. Practically speaking, he began to support himself at the age of nine years. He worked for different farmers in his neighborhood, receiving his board and clothing for his services; and when of sufficient age he became a general farm assistant. He was for three years employed in the woollen-mills here, and in 1847 he settled upon the farm of sixty acres where he has since resided. During a number of winter seasons he was profitably engaged in lumbering. But his chief occupation has been the cultivation of his farm, which he has carried on successfully for nearly fifty years.

On February 3, 1847, Mr. Alexander wedded Clarissa Holden, of Tyngsboro, Mass. She became the mother of one daughter — Nellie M., who is now the wife of Charles O. Parker, of Windham. Mrs. Alexander died December 30, 1891. Mr. Alexander has witnessed many changes in this locality during his long and useful period of activity. He is now looked upon as one of the old landmarks, as well as a useful, public-spirited citizen. He is now enjoying a well-earned rest at his pleasant home, which, with its many comforts, represents his industry and perseverance as a self-made man. Probably no other resident has a more numerous and cordial acquaintanceship. In politics he has always acted with the Democratic party.

JACOB CARLISLE, a retired business man of Exeter, was born April 24, 1820, in Waterboro, York County, Me., son of James and Sally (DeShon) Carlisle. His father, also a native of Maine, was one of the first settlers of York County, that State. He first married Miss Patience Austin, who lived until past middle life, and bore no children. When he was sixty-two years of age he entered a second marriage, contracted with Miss Sally DeShon, a lady of French descent. Born of this union were: Patience, James, Jacob, and Elizabeth, of whom Jacob is the sole survivor. The father died in 1831; the mother survived until 1869, when she passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. She was living with her son Jacob at the time, and up to within a few days of her dissolution she was a strong, active woman.

Jacob Carlisle was but eleven years of age at the time of his father's death. As he, like the other children, was left but thirty-three dollars, he began to earn his own livelihood at the age of twelve. He first obtained employment on the farm of a Mr. Sweat, a man in good circumstances. Two years later Mr. Sweat died, and Jacob returned to his mother. She was residing on a small farm; and this he thereafter conducted until he was nineteen years of age, paying during that time the small indebtedness on the place, building a barn and repairing the house, besides laying by one hundred and fifty dollars for his own account. When he came to Exeter in 1841 he had added to that amount from the profits of the farm and by boating on the Concord River and Canal, so that he then had two hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash. With this amount as capital, he formed a partnership with a stone-mason, and engaged in the work of building cellar walls and foundations. His partner retired after a short time. Under Mr. Carlisle's management the business steadily increased, so that in busy seasons he employed about twenty men. Athough he charged but seven cents per foot for cellar walls, the business was profitable.

In June, 1843, Mr. Carlisle was united in marriage with Miss Mary O. Colcord, of this place. She was born in 1825, and is a daughter of Eliphalet and Olive (Steele) Colcord. Mr. and Mrs. Colcord had three other children — William H., Charles E., and Elizabeth. Elizabeth became the wife of John Coburn, and died in 1885, forty-six years of age. The father lived to the age of sixty-three years. The mother's death occurred in 1892, when she was almost ninety-four. Her faculties continued remarkably clear up to a short time before her end. Mrs. Carlisle has an aunt, Mary (Kimball) Steele, the

widow of Benjamin Steele, who has reached the age of ninety-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have lost five children: a son and daughter who died of scarlet fever; an infant son; a daughter who lived to be two and a half years old; and Emma L., who died at sixteen. The living children are: James W., Josephine A., George A., Cora A., Walter S., Evelyn A., Etta, and Jacob A. Josephine A. is the widow of Woodbury Berry, Cora A. is the wife of R. D. Burpee, Evelyn A. is living at home, and Etta married Charles G. Smith. The parents have now three grandsons and six grand-daughters. Mr. Carlisle is a supporter of Republican principles, and has served in a number of minor offices.

WILLIAM A. HODGDON, of Portsmouth, architect, contractor, and builder, was born in this city, December 9, 1849, son of Alexander H. and Sarah (Walker) Hodgdon. He is of English ancestry, and is a descendant of one of the early settlers of Rockingham County. His grandfather, Benjamin Hodgdon, who was a farmer and resided many years in Newington, subsequently came to Portsmouth, where Alexander H. Hodgdon was born. Farming was also Alexander's chief occupation. About a year after the birth of his son William A., in Portsmouth, he removed to Greenfield, Hillsborough County, where he purchased a farm and spent the rest of his life. His wife, also a native of Portsmouth, is now living with a daughter in this city. She gave birth to thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity.

William A. Hodgdon was educated in the district school and at Greenfield Academy. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter's trade under the instruction of Moses Yeaton. Having served an apprenticeship of three years and a half, he obtained a position as foreman in New York City. While so employed he studied architecture. Under the strain of work and study his health gave way, whereupon he resigned his position and returned to Portsmouth. A year later he engaged in business as a contractor and builder, also dealing in builders' supplies, and has prosperously continued in it. He is now one of the leading men in his line in the city. He is a member of the Mechanics' and Manufacturer's Association and of the Mechanics' Fire Association, and he is a Trustee of the Public Library.

Mr. Hodgdon was married in 1875 to Miss Carrie Yeaton, of Portsmouth, daughter of Moses Yeaton, his first employer. She died in 1885, leaving a daughter named Ethel. In 1894 he entered a second marriage, by which he was united to Mrs. Clara (Williams) Randall. Mr. Hodgdon is a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; De Witt Clinton Commandery, Knights Templars; and of Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is Warden of the Middle Street Baptist Church, also a teacher in the Sunday-school, and a member of the Young Men's Christian Association.

FRANK P. WOODBURY, proprietor of the F. P. Woodbury & Co. Shoe Manufactory at Salem Depot, doing a large and successful business in the manufacture of medium and cheap grades of men's, women's, misses', and children's shoes, was born in Salem, October 24, 1850, son of Orlando H. and Mary E. (Corning) Woodbury, both natives of Salem. Orlando H. Woodbury was a son of Nathaniel Woodbury and a grandson of Luke Woodbury. Luke Woodbury, an early settler of Salem and a man noted for his physical strength and endurance, took part in the War of Independence. Nathaniel Woodbury was a prominent man in Salem, and served as Selectman and as a Representative to the lower house of the State legislature. Orlando H. Woodbury died some years ago, and is survived by his widow, who lives at Salem Depot.

Frank P. Woodbury, the only child of his parents, was educated in the public schools of Salem, and grew to manhood in this town. In his eighteenth year he embarked in the shoe business, and shortly after undertook the manufacture of shoes on contract. This he followed for four years, and then in a small

way began the manufacture of shoes on his own account at a place now known as Millville in Salem. This shop has since become one of the leading shoe manufactories of the State. Being obliged to enlarge his facilities in 1877 or 1878, he removed to Salem Depot, where he now has an establishment fitted up with modern machinery and capable of employing three hundred hands. He is doing a very prosperous business.

Mr. Woodbury married Miss Lizzie E. Rant, of Maine, and now has two sons — Harry O. and Ernest R. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served one term as State Senator from this district. He enjoys the confidence of the business community, and he and his wife are held in high esteem in social circles. Their fine residence will compare favorably with any in this section of the Granite State.

DANIEL M. EVANS, a thriving farmer of Kensington, was born in Salisbury, Mass., September 20, 1860, son of Charles A. and Abbie Ann (Merrill) Evans. His grandfather, Miles Evans, who, it is supposed, was a native of Barnstead, N.H., became an early settler and an industrious farmer of Seabrook, this State. He married Eliza Chase, of that town; and his declining years were passed with his son in Salisbury, Mass., where he died at the age of eighty-two. In politics he was a Democrat and in his religious views a Baptist.

Charles A. Evans, father of Daniel M., was born in Seabrook, March 4, 1830, and since early manhood has been engaged in farming. He moved to Kensington, N.H., in 1866, and has become one of the thriving and substantial agriculturists of that town, conducting at the present day one of its largest farms. Politically, he supports the Republican party. He was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen, and has also served as Supervisor. His first wife, Abbie Ann Merrill, was born in Salisbury, Mass., August 14, 1836; and of the ten children born of this union eight are living, namely: Mary Frances; Eliza M.; Charles M.; Daniel M., the subject of this sketch and twin brother of Charles M.; Amos M.; John A.; Moses W.; and Joseph C. The two deceased were Sarah Abbie and John. After the death of his first wife Charles A. Evans married for his second Abbie C. Lowe, of Maine; and she has had three children — Arthur W., Grace M., and Marion, of whom the last named is no longer living.

Daniel M. Evans has resided in Kensington since he was five years old, and he acquired his education in the schools of this town. On leaving school he learned the blacksmith's trade, but soon relinquished that calling to engage in lumbering and farming, for some time carrying on lumbering operations in company with his brother, Charles M. In 1886 he settled upon his present farm, which he has since conducted with success. His property, which originally consisted of seventy-six acres, he has increased by the addition of more land to one hundred and fifty-two; and aside from general farming he has a well-equipped dairy. On November 17, 1885, Mr. Evans wedded Mary E. Woods, who was born in Manchester, N.H., October 18, 1864, a daughter of Laban L. and Julia A. Woods. Her father was a mechanic and farmer, a worthy citizen, and a Republican in politics. He died June 21, 1888, his wife having preceded him to the world beyond the grave, September 13, 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have three children, as follows: Walter W., born April 18, 1888; Ella J., who was born January 2, 1893; and George E., who was born January 7, 1896.

Mr. Evans has served his fellow-townsmen well and faithfully as a member of the Board of Selectmen for four years, during one of which he presided as Chairman of that body. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and his wife are popular in the social circles of the town.

REV. EDWARD ROBIE, a prominent preacher of Greenland, was born April 5, 1821, in Gorham, Me., son of Thomas S. and Clarissa (Adams) Robie. The father, a merchant by occupation, was a native of Chester, this county; and the mother was born in Massachusetts. They had nine children, only four of

whom are living: Edward, the subject of this narrative; Lucinda, who resides with her brother Edward; Thomas S., who is a Congregational minister of Chicago; and Benjamin A., who is also a minister, located in Grafton, Mass.

Edward Robie, the eldest child, attended Gorham Academy, and graduated therefrom in 1836. He then entered Bowdoin College, from which institution he was graduated in 1840. From 1840 to 1843 he was a student in Andover Theological Seminary. In the fall of the latter year he matriculated at the celebrated University of Halle, near Leipsic, Germany, where he remained three years. In the winter of 1846, after visiting Berlin for six months, Edward Robie returned to America, subsequently becoming teacher of languages in Gorham Academy. Two years thereafter he became assistant teacher of Hebrew in Andover Theological Seminary, in which capacity he served for three years. He then took charge of his first pastorate in Greenland, being there ordained for the ministry in 1851, though he did not move here until the year following. With the exception of two trips to Europe for recreation, Mr. Robie has been connected with this parish continuously ever since, devoting his energies untiringly to its various needs.

On December 28, 1852, Mr. Robie and Miss Susan P. Jameson were joined in wedlock at the altar. His wife, who was the daughter of the Rev. Thomas Jameson, a native of Effingham, N.H., died January 12, 1878. Mr. Robie is loved by his congregation, and held in high esteem by all who know of his work in Greenland.

LEVI S. BARTLETT, M.D., formerly a well-known physician and prominent and influential citizen of Kingston, Rockingham County, is well remembered by the older residents of this town. He was born here, December 3, 1811, son of Judge Levi and Abigail (Stevens) Bartlett. The family is an old one and much respected throughout this county and State, some of its representatives having been noted men in the early history of the Commonwealth. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Bartlett was the Hon. Josiah Bartlett, the sixth Governor of the State of New Hampshire and one of the most influential public men of his day.

Judge Levi Bartlett, Dr. Bartlett's father, was born in Kingston, and received a liberal education. After graduating from college he settled in his native town as a physician, having an extensive practice in this locality. He was also County Judge. His natural ability and superior intellectual attainments made him a conspicuous figure in public life, and during his long and useful career he rendered valuable and distinguished services as a public official. He died at the family residence in Kingston in 1827. Judge Bartlett was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Sally Hook, he had one child, who died in infancy. His second wife, Abigail Stevens Bartlett, who was a native of Salisbury, became the mother of three children, all of whom grew to maturity, and filled useful positions in life, but are no longer living. They were as follows: Luella, who became the wife of the Rev. Eliphalet Case, of Lowell, Mass.; Junia L., who married F. O. J. Smith, a prominent resident of Portland, Me.; and Levi S., the subject of this sketch. Judge Bartlett's second wife died in 1840.

Levi S. Bartlett passed his boyhood and youth at the ancestral homestead in Kingston. He spent a part of his time in farm work, and improved to the utmost his opportunities for obtaining an education. When twenty-one years old he commenced the practice of medicine in Lowell, Mass., where he resided for five years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Kingston, and took up practice here, becoming the leading physician of this locality. He thus remained until his death, which took place February 19, 1865. He was a Democrat in politics; and, though not an office-seeker, he was elected to various town and county offices. He preferred, however, to devote his time and energies to the care of the homestead and to his profession, through the practice of which he accumulated a good property. On December 3, 1844, Dr. Bartlett was united in marriage to Aroline E. Sanborn, who was born in Kingston, August 15, 1825, a daughter of Moses and Betsey

(Stevens) Sanborn. Both her parents were representatives respectively of highly reputable families of this town. Her father, who was a tanner by trade, died here August 3, 1857. Mrs. Dr. Bartlett, who is still living, reared four children, as follows: Ella A., who is residing at home; Junia L., who died at the age of thirty-seven years; Leviatta, wife of John S. Conner, an attorney of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Levi S., who also resides at the homestead in Kingston. Mrs. Bartlett's declining years are made happy by the filial love and devotion of her children and the sincere esteem of a large circle of friends.

Levi S. Bartlett, Jr., was born in Kingston, March 28, 1857. He is now one of the leading business men of this town, dividing his time between general farming, stock raising, and lumbering. He married Miss R. Grace Sanborn, who was born in Fremont, Ohio, March 10, 1865, a daughter of John C. and Mary A. (Hooke) Sanborn. Her parents are still living, and are residents of Fremont. Mr. and Mrs. Levi S. Bartlett have had four children; namely, Levi (deceased), Gertrude E., Junia L., and Lottie Mary. Mr. Bartlett affiliates with the Republican party, and has held various important offices in the town and county. He is connected fraternally with Columbia Lodge, No. 85, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Ruth Rebecca Lodge, No. 66; and with Grange No. 177 of Kingston. He and his wife are popular in social circles.

SAMUEL P. SARGENT, a well-known farmer and lumberman of Hampton, Rockingham County, N.H., is a native of Salem, in the same county, where he was born June 17, 1825, being a son of William A. and Wealthy (Austin) Sargent.

His father was a native of Methuen, Mass. For many years in the earlier portion of his life he worked at his trade as a morocco-dresser and a currier; and later he was engaged in farming in the employ of his brother-in-law at Manchester, N.H. He married Miss Wealthy Austin, a native of Salem, N.H., and they became the parents of quite a family of children, three of whom attained to maturity; namely, John A., Mary P., and Samuel P. John A. Sargent wedded Miss Mary Mehegan, who has borne him four children, three sons and one daughter, and now makes his home in Boston, Mass. Mary is the wife of Moses Woodbury, of Salem, N.H. They have two children — Albertina and Frank G. Mr. William A. Sargent passed his declining days in Salem, N.H., where he deceased at a goodly age.

Samuel P. Sargent, when a young child, went to live with his maternal uncle, Sutrick Austin, with whom he made his home until his eighteenth year. He obtained his education in the district schools of New Salem, and, while still a youth, was able to render a man's full service in performing the work of his uncle's farm. Energetic and venturesome, at the age of only twelve years he went seven miles with two yoke of oxen and a horse to procure a stick of timber of such size as to tax the strength of the five draught-animals in hauling. The achievement would have done credit to a veteran lumberman. When seventeen years old he was employed for a short time in Boston and Brighton, Mass., when he went to Exeter, N.H. After working for another brief period for Sheriff Stephen Dearborn, who was the keeper of the county jail at Exeter, he engaged in sundry pursuits until he became twenty-one years of age. He then took a South Sea voyage, soon after becoming a whaler, and sailing into the Arctic Ocean five times. He has voyaged to almost as northerly a latitude as Lieutenant Greely penetrated. He always sailed from New Bedford, Mass.; and, while he officiated as the second mate of the ship "Ocean," he at one time landed in that port a cargo the worth of which on the wharves was estimated at twenty-one thousand dollars.

He had engaged in whaling seventeen years, when in 1861 he enlisted in the Union army, joining Company F of the Seventh Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers, of which H. S. Putnam was Sergeant. He was at the front three years and eight months, rendering valiant service to his country, and was mustered out at Goldsboro, N.C., in August, 1865. He participated in every contest in which the regiment was engaged except one skirmish,

and took part in two charges at Fort Wagner, in which the Colonel met his death. At the close of the war Mr. Sargent came to Hampton, N.H., and found employment for five years with Mr Coffin on a farm and in his saw-mill. After subsequently conducting the mill for a time by the thousand, he operated it for Mr. Arthur Wilbur; and still later he purchased the mill and also four acres of land, on which he and his wife now make their home.

During the war, while on a furlough, Mr. Sargent married Miss Elizabeth Cutts, of Hampton. In politics Mr. Sanborn is affiliated with the Republican party, with which he has been connected almost from the date of its organization. He cast his first Presidential ballot in 1865 for our emancipating and martyr President, Abraham Lincoln. He keeps fresh his memories of the war, in which he served his country so loyally and so disastrously to himself — he being a pensioner on account of the effects of the notorious army chills and fevers — by his association with Post No. 78, Grand Army of the Republic, of Hampton.

HENRY D. KARR, formerly a well-known resident of Derry, and a representative of an old and highly reputable family in this county, was born here, January 2, 1816, son of David and Hannah (Duncan) Karr. Both parents were natives of Derry, while the father was a sturdy and industrious farmer.

Henry D. Karr was educated in the common schools of Derry and at Pinkerton Academy, and subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits upon the home farm. Succeeding to the property after his father's death, he continued to carry on general farming in a practical and progressive manner, laboring diligently to increase the fertility of his land, and otherwise improving his farm. As a result he attained to a prominent position among the foremost agriculturists of this town. For a number of years he was upon the School Committee of his district, his deep interest in educational matters having caused him to devote much time and attention to advancing the public-school system and broadening its field of usefulness. He was also a zealous advocate of temperance in the use of liquors. Though not a member of any church in particular, he contributed liberally toward the support of religious work, and in other ways manifested a heartfelt desire for the advancement of the moral and religious welfare of the community. Of a retiring disposition, he avoided notoriety, leaving political affairs to those who were attracted in that direction; but he lived an eminently useful life, and was noted for his unostentatious benevolence. As a worthy and public-spirited citizen, he enjoyed the respect and sincere good will of his fellow-townsmen. At his death, which occurred July 10, 1880, the town mourned his loss as that of a man endeared to all and whose place in the community could not be readily filled.

On May 25, 1847, Mr. Karr was united in marriage to Elizabeth H. Knowles, who survives him. She was born in East Derry, September 26, 1819, daughter of John C. and Rachel (Caldwell) Knowles, the former of whom was a native of Candia, Hillsborough County. Mrs. Karr's paternal grandfather, Amos Knowles, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was one of the early settlers of Candia, where he was engaged in general farming. John C. Knowles was a well-known and prosperous farmer of Candia and East Derry for many years. In 1825 or 1826 he moved to Nashua, N.H., where the rest of his life was passed, and where he died in 1833. His wife, Rachel, who was a native of Hudson, N.H., and a daughter of Deacon Alexander Caldwell, of Amherst, N.H., having survived her husband for ten years, died in 1843.

At the age of six years Elizabeth H. Knowles accompanied her parents to Nashua, where her education was begun. After finishing a course at the high school in that town she entered the Adams Female Academy in Derry, where her studies were completed. She married as above stated, and since the death of her husband has continued to occupy the old Karr homestead, which has been in the possession of the family since 1811. Mrs. Karr possesses intellectual attainments of a high order; and, having been a great reader all her life, she has accumulated a large fund

of general information, and is especially well informed upon the topics of the day. She is highly esteemed for her amiable and kind-hearted disposition, and has an extensive acquaintanceship in this locality. Mrs. Karr is a member of the First Congregational Church, and is connected with the Ladies' Sewing Circle.

ABBOTT A. LOCKE, a prosperous and highly esteemed merchant of Seabrook, N.H., was born in Boston, Mass., August 2, 1838. He is a son of Dudley S. and Caroline W. (Nudd) Locke, the former a native of Seabrook, the latter of Hampton in the same county. His father, Dudley S. Locke, a son of John Locke, who was also a native of Seabrook, was educated at a district school and Hampton Academy. An enterprising and ambitious man, he was in the hotel business for a number of years, during which he managed the Old Colony House, Hingham, Mass., a hotel at Hampton Beach, Me., and the old Exchange Coffee House on Congress Street, Boston. Starting in 1855, he was in the express business in Seabrook for a while. He built a brick residence in the town, cutting the lumber and burning the brick for it himself. For a number of years he was Selectman of Seabrook, and served also in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff. He lived to be eighty-four years of age, and died in the town where he was born. His wife was a daughter of David Nudd, of Hampton. She reared two children — John D. and Abbott A. John D. Locke, who is a resident of Seabrook, married Martha M. Brown, and, having no children of his own, adopted a daughter, who is now the wife of Alvin Damon.

Abbott A. Locke received a good practical education, attending the district school, Hampton Falls Academy, and Comer's Commercial College, Boston. In 1858, while his father was in the express business, he was appointed station agent of Seabrook, and co-operated with his father for some time. He was station agent for twenty years. In 1866 he erected his store buildings, put in a stock of general merchandise, and attended to the trade between train times. In 1877 he resigned his position of station agent, and has since given his full attention to his mercantile interests. Besides attending to his business as station agent and merchant he was employed as clerk for some time in Summit House on Mount Washington. The shoe factory at the depot, leased to Messrs. Poor and Dale for a term of years, and now giving employment to from sixty to seventy-five hands, was built through Mr. Locke's influence and enterprise.

In 1860 Mr. Locke was married to Susan H., daughter of David and Sally (Jarvin) Chase. One child, Gertrude, has blessed the union. She is now the wife of Alfred M. Beckman, a railroad man residing in Everett, Mass., and has one child, Caroline L.

Mr. Locke has been identified with the Republican party since he cast his first Presidential vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. He was in the State legislature in 1866, and was Town Clerk of Seabrook during the late war. He belongs to one prominent social organization, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a member of Rockingham Lodge, No. 22, of Hampton, N.H. One of the old citizens of Seabrook, he is widely known and esteemed by his townsmen.

JOEL C. CAREY, the oldest merchant in the town of Salem, Rockingham County, was born here, March 3, 1817. He is a son of Joel and Olive (Corliss) Carey, his father having been a native of Jaffrey, N.H., and his mother of Salem. The family is said to be of Irish extraction. George A. Carey, grandfather of Joel C., was a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary War.

When three years old Joel C. Carey removed with his parents to Methuen, Mass., and at the age of seven from there to Windham, N.H., where he remained until reaching his eighteenth year. He then returned with his parents to Methuen, which was his home for two or three years. His education was acquired in Windham, in a little brick schoolhouse near his home, which he attended principally during the winter season. At the age of twenty he began his business career, making shoes in Melrose, Mass., for George

Emerson, by whom he was employed for several years; and he subsequently clerked for some years in Mr. Emerson's store. He afterward became a foreman in Mr. Emerson's shoe shop, and still later held the position of head clerk in his store, which he retained until 1849. In that year he came to Salem Depot and started in mercantile business for himself, and has since been thus engaged with the exception of three short intervals. He carries an excellent line of general merchandise, and has a good trade.

Mr. Carey has twice married, his first wife being Miss Rachel A. Bradford, of Salem, who bore him two daughters: Rachel L. (deceased); and Hattie, the wife of J. J. Hunt. His present wife was by maiden name Hannah A. D. Richardson, of Dracut, Mass. Alma L., a daughter by this marriage, became the wife of Charles Cronin. Mr. Carey has served as Selectman of Salem for seven terms, and represented the town in the State legislature three terms. For nine years he was Postmaster at Salem Depot. Fraternally, he is a charter member of Granite Lodge, No. 11, United Order of Pilgrim Fathers.

JOSEPH W. SANBORN, one of the most prominent and successful farmers and cattle breeders of Deerfield, was born July 9, 1852. The Sanborn family is of English origin; and Joseph W. Sanborn is a lineal descendant in the eighth generation of John Sanborn, who settled in Hampton, N.H., about 1643, having come to this country with his widowed mother and his brothers William and Stephen in 1632. The last named returned to England with his grandfather, the Rev. Stephen Bachilor.

The second generation was represented by John, Jr.; the third, by Tristram, son of John, Jr., and Judith (Coffin) Sanborn; the fourth, by their son Peter, born in 1713, who was the father of eleven children. Three of his sons — Peter (second), Enos, and Benjamin — settled in Deerfield in 1775 or near that date. Peter Sanborn, the second of the name, born in 1748, married Anna Scribner, by whom he had four children — Peter (third), Deborah, John, and Benning Wentworth. He died December 11, 1818. He was a member of the Congregational church.

Benning Wentworth Sanborn settled on his father's farm in Deerfield. He married a Miss Jenness, and had six children born to him, of whom the only survivor is Mary J., the wife of Joseph Haynes, of Manchester. His son, Richard Jenness Sanborn, pursued the hereditary vocation on the old Sanborn farm. He married Miss Abbie J. Stearns, of Deerfield, and became the father of four children, namely: Benning W., who died before he had learned to utter his mother's name; Joseph W., the special subject of this sketch; Mary J., who passed away in infancy; and Mary Abbie, who was taken from the earthly home at the early age of nineteen years. Richard J. Sanborn held many important offices in Deerfield during his life, and wielded a strong influence in his locality. He was sent as a Representative to the legislature two or three times, was Deputy Sheriff for twenty or thirty years, Town Moderator for a number of terms, and was a Selectman for several terms. Mr. Richard J. Sanborn was at one time a Democrat, but afterward became a Republican. He was not affiliated with any social orders or fraternal societies. He was an attendant of the Congregational church, and was endowed with a musical gift, singing in the choir of the Deerfield church. He died and was gathered to his fathers in November of 1888, having lived seventy-two years.

Joseph W. Sanborn, whose success as a farmer may be partly attributed to a hereditary taste in that direction, but more largely to his good judgment and industry, was educated in the common schools of Deerfield and at Pembroke Academy. Immediately after leaving school he engaged in the occupation he has steadily followed, beginning to farm on the ancestral estate which he now owns. On the 27th of October, 1892, he was married to Miss Jennie Odell Sanborn, a daughter of Dr. Sanborn, of South Berwick, Me. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn. Both, however, died in infancy.

Mr. Sanborn's valuable estate consists of six hundred and forty acres of pasture, tillage, and wood land. Fifty acres are under cultiva-

tion, while every square foot of the soil is made to yield profit to its owner. From seventy-five to eighty tons of hay are cut from his fields on an average; and he makes a specialty of his dairy farm, furnishing rich, pure milk to the Sanborn Creamery of Deerfield. For this purpose nine of his fifteen or twenty best cows are kept in prime condition. His flock of fine sheep, eighteen in number, are celebrated in this part of the county, and his great, pure-blooded Southdown ram takes precedence of the less aristocratic animals on the farm. His stables are also well supplied, nine horses being employed for pleasure and utility.

Mr. Sanborn has built a handsome residence of two and a half stories and an ell extension, and has also built a barn which is unrivalled in the neighborhood. This building measures eighty-five by forty-two feet in dimensions, and easily holds one hundred and fifty tons of hay, twenty head of cattle, and eight horses. It is built over a split stone cement cellar, and is regarded as the finest barn in the county. Both dwelling and out-buildings have been constructed with the most modern improvements. Mr. Sanborn has led a life too full of stirring interests centred about his home to care anything for the "brief authority" of public office; and domestic pleasures have left little desire for any connection with the social orders that seem so much a part of many men's lives. He is a Republican, and he attends the services of the Congregational church of his town. Mr. Sanborn is considered the model farmer of Deerfield; and, after visiting his well-ordered and beautifully kept estate, one feels that he has proved that even the wind-swept and sterile soil of New England may be made a land of fruitfulness and plenteous harvests under the management of a wise head and strong hands.

DANIEL W. PHILBRICK, a well-known farmer of Rye, was born here May 29, 1844, son of Daniel and Sarah A. (Philbrick) Philbrick. On the paternal side he comes of English ancestry, and represents an old and respected family of Rye. His great-grandfather, Joseph Philbrick, was a native of Rye. Joseph's son Jonathan was throughout life engaged in general agriculture on the farm which has become the ancestral estate. He served his native town for eleven successive years on the Board of Selectmen, was Justice of the Peace for many years, and represented the community for three terms in the New Hampshire State legislature. He was joined in matrimony with Miss Sarah Marden, and by her became the father of eight children; namely, Jonathan, Sheridan, Ira, Joseph, Newell, Daniel, Betsy, and Sally. Jonathan died in 1865; Sheridan was killed by a stroke of lightning while at school; and Newell passed away in California.

Daniel Philbrick was born on the old homestead, and received his education in the common schools of Rye. At the age of fourteen years he found employment on the farm of Colonel Drake, where he continued to be engaged for about sixteen years. In his thirty-first year he returned to his father's farm, which he conducted during the remainder of his life. Mr. Philbrick wedded Miss Sarah A. Philbrick, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Philbrick, of Rye. Ephraim Philbrick was a son of Jonathan and Mollie Philbrick, and his wife before marriage was Miss Sarah Webster. Her grandfather, Josiah Webster, was an early resident of Rye. Mrs. Daniel Philbrick bore her husband three sons and two daughters; namely, Emily, Harrison, Lamira, Daniel W., and Ira P. Emily departed this life at the age of twenty years. Harrison was twice married. His first wife, Jane (Eastman) Philbrick, a native of Meredith, N.H., died leaving five children — Lillie H., Perley, Daniel E., George, and Nellie P. He now lives with his second wife, Emma (Lane) Philbrick, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, at Rich Hill, Bates County, Mo. Lamira was married to Thomas Knowles, of North Hampton, N.H., and has a son, David W. Ira died in 1867 in his twenty-first year. The father, who was a temperate and judicious man, enjoyed the respect and confidence of all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His life closed in March, 1882, at the age of seventy-six years and nine months. His wife, Mrs. Philbrick, makes her home with her son, the subject of this sketch.

Daniel W. Philbrick received his education in the district schools of his native town and of old and New Hampton. At the completion of his schooling he returned to the home farm, where he has since been prosperously engaged in farming. The dwelling-house, which was erected by his father, is a good one; and the farm contains about seventy-three acres of land. On January 9, 1872, Mr. Philbrick married Miss Cynthia A. Odione, daughter of Eben L. Odione, a resident of Rye. They have now four children — Emily M., Alfred C., Ervine C., and Carrie W. In national politics he associates with the Republican party. Mr. Philbrick is in intimate fellowship with the Christian Church of Rye.

JOHN L. ALLEN, turnkey of the Portsmouth jail, was born November 4, 1839, at York, Me., which was likewise the place of nativity of his father, the late James Allen. The Allen family are of English extraction. A number of emigrants bearing this name came to America in the early Colonial days. One of them settled in Wells, York County, Me.; and from him this branch of the Allen family sprung. Mr. John L. Allen's grandfather Allen served in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from the town of Wells, where he was for many years engaged in farming. He spent a portion of his life in York, where his seven children were born, James being the youngest child.

James Allen grew to manhood in his native town, and from his earliest life was engaged in seafaring pursuits. He became captain of a vessel, which he commanded several years, being a successful trader. In 1849 Captain Allen removed to Kittery, where he continued his residence during the remainder of his earthly days, dying at the advanced age of eighty-six years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Trafton, ten children were born, the youngest member of the parental household being John L., the special subject of this biographical notice.

John L. Allen received a common-school education, and on the completion of his studies went to New Castle, where he secured a position as steward on board the good ship "Helen & Eliza," which he held from 1856 until 1862. He then entered the United States Navy, becoming captain's steward on the "Consolation," which was sent on a three years' trip to the Mediterranean. On February 11, 1865, shortly after returning home, Mr. Allen was discharged from the navy, and returned to the merchant service, where he was subsequently engaged for four years. In 1869 he went into the Portsmouth navy yard to take charge of a lodge, which he supervised until 1876. He resigned then to accept his present responsible position, which he has since held, discharging his onerous duties with distinguished ability and faithfulness, the many prisoners that have been placed under his care necessitating his constant attendance and supervision. The new jail, which is a model in its structure and equipments, was first occupied May 31, 1892.

CHARLES E. DAVIS, of Nottingham, one of the busy and successful agriculturists of this town, was born upon the farm where he now resides, January 25, 1858, son of David and Olive (Dearborn) Davis. Mr. Davis's great-grandfather, David Davis, in company with his brother came from Lee, N.H., to Nottingham when the town was first springing into existence. On the highway then known as Gebig Road they took up a large tract of land, which they cleared and improved. Levi Davis, the grandfather, was a native of this town, where he was engaged in farming during the active period of his life. He married, and reared two children, of whom David Davis was the younger.

David Davis was born in Nottingham in the year 1800. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which with farming he followed for a greater part of his life. He owned one hundred acres of the original tract acquired by his ancestors. His death occurred at the homestead, July 25, 1865. In politics he was a Democrat; and he was known as a worthy, upright man and a useful citizen. His wife, Olive, whom he married February 25, 1845, was a daughter of Isaac Dearborn, of Jackson, N.H., who owned a farm of three hundred

acres in that town. She became the mother of two sons, namely: Isaac L. Davis, who was born February 9, 1847; and Charles E., the subject of this sketch. Isaac L. Davis is now engaged in cultivating a part of the homestead property, and occupies a residence situated directly opposite that of his brother, Charles E.

Charles E. Davis acquired his education in the schools of his native town. After completing his studies he learned shoemaking, and followed it for some time. Since he obtained possession of the share of the home farm left him by his father, its management has been his principal occupation. The property contains fifty acres, most of which is under cultivation. It is well located and exceedingly productive, and by able handling it brings Mr. Davis a handsome income.

On February 22, 1879, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Annie L. Smith. She is a daughter of Stephen and Mary (Burley) Smith, of Nottingham, whose other child, Nellie, is now Mrs. Thompson, of Brentwood, N.H., having three children — Fred, Jessie, and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one son — Arthur S., who was born January 29, 1880. In politics Mr. Davis supports the Republican party, is well informed upon current issues relative to both State and nation, and is especially interested in the moral and religious welfare of the community. Both he and his wife are members of the Free Baptist church.

JAMES HOYT, who for many years devoted himself to teaching, and later was engaged in farming in his native town of Newington, was born on December 12, 1804. He was the son of William Hoyt, of Newington, whose father was Dennis Hoyt, of the same town.

James Hoyt at the tender age of eleven years met with a severe accident causing a lifelong injury. When he was about thirteen years of age he went to Portsmouth and entered the public schools, making good use of his time, and at the age of nineteen he began teaching school at York, Me., where he remained in this occupation for some years. He then returned to Rockingham County, New Hampshire, and undertook his profession, being a teacher in the public schools, finally becoming the principal of the school at Portsmouth.

While in Maine he met and married Miss Lydia Smith, of York County, a daughter of Israel and Hannah (Ingalls) Smith. This was in 1833, on the 21st of July. They had a family of eight children, namely: Israel, who was a farmer during his life, and died February 24, 1895; Corinne, who is now the wife of Valentine M. Coleman; James A., who remained on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age, and in 1867 went to Boston and learned his trade of carpentering, then went to California and spent a year there, next going to Louisville, Ky., where he remained for a period of two years, next to Little Rock, Ark., where he stayed for some time, and in 1890 returned to the old homestead; Joseph R., who died in 1869; Florence, who always remained with her father at home, and after his death was appointed administratrix of his estate; Benjamin, who was first a carpenter by trade, like his brother James, but in 1870 moved on to a farm, where he has been employed in farm work ever since; Mary H., who died in infancy; and William A., who died in 1875. Mr. Hoyt came back to Newington from Portsmouth in the year 1842, and kept his residence here until his death; but he often went out of town to teach at New Castle, Meredith, Greenland, and Eliot. After 1865 or 1866 he gave up teaching forever, and devoted all his attention to his farm and other property. He possessed in different parts of the place about one hundred and twenty-eight acres of land.

After the close of the war of the Rebellion he became a stout Republican in his political creed. At different periods of his later life in Newington he was a Selectman, was Town Clerk, and was the incumbent of many minor offices. By dint of hard labor and assiduous attention, it may be said, he made a success of himself in every line of work that he ever attempted. He retired on the night of the 10th of October, 1894, in seemingly perfect health, and the next morning, October 11, was found dead in his bed, evidently having passed away in quiet sleep. His remains were interred in the Newington cemetery, near those of his

wife, who died in 1876. He was highly esteemed as a kind-hearted, perfectly honorable and truly useful man.

JOHN E. CRAM, Deputy Sheriff of Rockingham County, a well-known resident of Raymond, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, April 11, 1842, son of Josiah B. and Mary A. (Palmer) Cram. The family descends from one of the earliest settlers of New Hampshire, who came from England in 1639. According to the records this Cram or Crame, as the name was formerly spelled, moved from Exeter, N.H., to Hampton, N.H., in 1650, and died there in 1681, having reared a family of five children. His son, Benjamin (first), married Argentine Cromwell, November 29, 1662, and was the father of nine children, among whom was Benjamin (second). Benjamin (second), who was great-grandfather of John E. Cram, married Mary Bean, and reared twelve children. Jonathan Cram, the grandfather, a native of Raymond, born in a house now occupied by one of his grandsons, owned and cultivated a good farm during the period of his activity, and reared a large family of children. He died January 8, 1873, having spent all his life in his native town. He was an industrious farmer. In politics he voted with the Democratic party, having no political aspirations for himself. His reputation was that of an industrious farmer and a loyal citizen.

Josiah B. Cram, born in this town, was reared to farming upon the homestead. While the greater portion of his adult life was spent in farm work, many of his winters were employed in a saw-mill. His life, though a busy one, was uneventful, his energies being devoted exclusively to the care and support of his family. However, he had an inclination to military occupations, and held a Captain's commission in the State militia. His death occurred November 20, 1884, aged sixty-seven years. He was twice married, on the first occasion to Mary A. Palmer, who bore him four children. Of these John E., the subject of this sketch, is the only survivor. Elizabeth B. Palmer became his second wife, and of the four children by this union two are living, namely: Dana B., who is residing at the old homestead; and Ella P., the wife of Horace Tuttle, of Raymond. Edith died at the age of two years, and Emma at the age of four. The family attended the Congregational church.

John E. Cram was educated in the schools of Raymond and the neighboring town of Epping. He resided at home, assisting his father upon the farm until he was nineteen years old. In 1862 he enlisted for three years' service in the Civil War, as a private in Company B, Eleventh Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, under Colonel Walter Harriman. He was mustered in on August 11 of that year, and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg and other memorable engagements in Virginia; the campaign through Kentucky, Mississippi, and East Tennessee, which included the sieges of Jackson and Vicksburg. He was promoted from the ranks to First Sergeant and Second Lieutenant, receiving later the commission of First Lieutenant of his company for gallant and meritorious conduct upon the field. In the published history of the regiment it is stated that at the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse, where the Eleventh was for a time hard pressed by the enemy, and the color bearer was shot, Lieutenant Cram seized the flag as it was falling and kept it waving in front, thereby making himself a conspicuous mark for the enemy's fire. His example renewed the courage of the men, who fought unflinchingly for the rest of the day. Twenty minutes after this gallant deed he received a severe wound, which confined him at Lincoln Hospital for some time. After having had a furlough he was thereafter detailed to recruiting service until his discharge, which took place in New Haven, Conn., October 19, 1864. After this he went to Exeter, this county, where he worked as an iron moulder for about six months. Subsequently he settled upon his present farm in Raymond, where he has since been prosperously engaged in agriculture, having the sincere esteem and good will of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. In politics he actively supports the Republican party. The position of Deputy Sheriff, to which he was appointed in 1895, came to him unsought, as he has never been an office-seeker.

On October 10, 1864, Mr. Cram wedded Emma J. Fullonton, daughter of Jeremiah Fullonton, of Raymond. Of the seven children born to him, four are living, namely: Ethel G., the wife of William H. Underhill, of Epping; Belle Alberta, who resides at home; Edward F., a resident of this town; and John M., who is also living at home. The others were: Henrianna F., who died at the age of two months; Loena F., who died aged six years; and Harry F., who died when two months old. Mr. Cram is connected with Rockingham Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Candia, in which he has occupied some of the chairs. He is also a member of the Order of the Golden Cross of Raymond and a comrade of Joseph Hooker Post, No. 51, Grand Army of the Republic. In his religious belief he is a Congregationalist, and his family attend that church.

ISAAC L. DAVIS, one of Nottingham's progressive farmers, was born in this town, February 8, 1847, son of David and Olive (Dearborn) Davis. The family descends from David Davis, one of two brothers who were early settlers of Nottingham, having come from Lee, N.H. He secured a large tract of land upon the Gebig Road, so called, where he cleared a good farm and resided for the rest of his life. His son, Levi, grandfather of Isaac L. Davis, was born in Nottingham, and grew to manhood as a farmer. Succeeding to the ownership of the home farm, he continued to improve the property and cultivate the land until his death. An able and practical farmer, he contributed much toward developing the agricultural resources of this locality; and he was widely and favorably known in the district. His wife, Sarah, bore him two children, of whom the youngest was David.

David Davis was born at the homestead in this town in the year 1800. His boyhood was passed in attending the district school and assisting his father upon the farm. In young manhood he learned the shoemaker's trade. Afterward he made a specialty of custom work, dividing his time between his trade and the care of the farm, which he inherited. Having spent his entire life on the homestead, he died July 25, 1865. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, but never aspired to public office. He was a most industrious man, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. On February 25, 1845, he wedded Olive Dearborn, a native of Jackson, N.H. Her father, Isaac Dearborn, was the first settler of Jackson, where he owned three hundred acres of land, and was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. David Davis reared two sons: Isaac L., the subject of this sketch; and Charles E., now a prominent man of this town, engaged in cultivating his part of the homestead property. Mr. Davis's mother, who was a member of the Baptist church, died March 2, 1879.

Isaac L. Davis attended school in this town. When a young man he learned shoemaking, which he followed for many years. He resides upon the old Davis property, comprising one hundred acres, now divided equally between him and Charles E., in accordance with their father's will. His farming operations are conducted upon the most approved principles, and his crops are generally abundant and of a superior quality. As a consequence he is classed among the foremost farmers of the locality.

On January 10, 1869, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Fronia Durgin, daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Marston) Durgin, of Nottingham. The Davis family has long been prominent in this town, and its representatives of to-day occupy a high social position. Mr. Davis attends the Free Will Baptist church, of which his wife is a member; and in politics he supports the Republican party.

WILLIAM HENRY WHITE, JR., of Portsmouth, manager of the Portsmouth Beef and Provision Company, was born in this city in 1860. His grandfather, William White, who was born and reared in Portsmouth, followed a seafaring life for many years. In the War of 1812 William was captured by a privateer, and conveyed to Dartmoor, England, where he was imprisoned for some time. He subsequently spent his last days in his native place, dying at the age of threescore years. William Henry

White, Sr., was born at Kittery Point, this county. From his boyhood he was familiar with the ocean. He was a sailor for twenty years or more, and was subsequently employed as keeper of the light-house on the Isles of Shoals. Still a hale and hearty man, he is now a gardener for the Haven family, with whom he has been for twenty years. He married a daughter of Benjamin Watkins, of Portsmouth, and became the father of three children.

William Henry White, Jr., attended the public schools of this city until fifteen years of age, when he became a clerk in the newspaper and periodical store of the Moses Brothers, for whom he worked five years. Going then to Boston, he spent a year learning the trade of blacksmithing, including that of horseshoeing, with Dr. Verry on Pitts Street. Returning to Portsmouth in 1883, Mr. White was a clerk in the grocery store of J. R. Yeaton & Co. for six months, and then secured a situation with Henry M. Clark, who owned a meat market on Congress Street, this city. Two months later Mr. Clark opened a store on the opposite side of the street from his market, making Mr. White the manager. Four years later, under the firm name of Henry M. Clark & Co., he admitted Mr. White into an equal partnership, which lasted until the death of Mr. Clark, in November, 1894. Mr. G. H. Hammond, of Chicago, subsequently bought out the firm, and established the present market, making Mr. White the manager of its business. In this capacity Mr. White has since conducted the place with much success. The business is strictly wholesale, and is confined to meats and provisions, in which the firm has an extensive trade, almost entirely acquired by the enterprising manager.

Mr. White was married in 1883 to Miss Ella L., daughter of George E. Barsantee, of Portsmouth, and is the father of three children. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. In religion he professes the Universalist creed, and attends the church of that denomination. He is quite active and prominent in military circles, and has been Captain of Company A, Third New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, since its organization, in which he largely aided. His connection with fraternal organizations includes membership in Osgood Lodge, No. 48, and Strawberry Bank Encampment, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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